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\$10,000.00 Mother's Day Offering For Baptist Orphanage

Upper Right—Foster Building, Baptist Orphanage, where 35 small girls live.

Lower Right—Superintendent's Residence, Baptist Orphanage

Julia Johnson Lipsey Building, Where 34 junior girls live.

Left—A group of girls and matron Baptist Orphanage.



Sparks and Splinters

Dr. J. T. Wallace of Mississippi College passed away at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson Tuesday morning. A tribute to him later.

The annual deficit in the operation of Chicago University is over \$1,000,000, more than the total endowment of all the Baptist colleges in Mississippi.

Recent speakers at the Southwestern Seminary were Dr. W. O. Lewis, Northern Baptist Missionary in Europe; and Dr. W. R. Strassner of Bishop College who spoke on current trends in racial relations.

Pastor R. K. Corder and First Church, Philadelphia were so much pleased with youth week recently observed in their church that they will repeat it next year. Each official in the church selected a young man or young woman to take his place and fulfill his duties for one week. We learn to do by doing.

One hundred and twenty-two young men and young women will receive diplomas at the Southwestern Seminary in May. Commencement speakers are Dr. John W. Inzer of North Carolina, and Dr. Fr. H. Leavell of Tennessee. The exercises begin with a program by the music school, rendering the Oratorio of Elijah.

In Pittsburgh there are 242,631 unchurched; in Cleveland, 378,013; in St. Louis 287,228; in New York, 4,119,494; Seattle, 261,308; in San Francisco, 419,249; in Minneapolis, 283,753; in Los Angeles, 997,203. The unchurched population of Chicago exceeds the total population of Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada.—Watchman-Examiner.

This is a mighty good year to pay your pastor's expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention. It's a long way from Mississippi to Maryland, and they do not feed you free in Baltimore.

Last week was a successful week of training for the Sunday school officers and teachers of the Morton Baptist Church. Local talent taught two books by Dr. Burroughs, "Outlines of Bible History" and "The Grace of Giving."

The board of deacons of the Morton Baptist Church recommended a raise in the pastor's salary last Sunday, April 28. The church accepted the recommendation. This is the second raise in the pastor's salary in the last 6 months.

The Watchman-Examiner says: We are facing a really serious situation in this country because of the Roman Catholic domination of the metropolitan press. To say that it does not exist is ridiculous. The extreme position of the press may yet force a situation wherein Americans in self-defense will have to create their own medium for the frank discussion of public questions.

To members of Ludlow, Forkville and Good Hope Baptist Churches. I congratulate and thank you for adopting the Every Family plan of the Baptist Record. You will receive this, the best pastor's assistant I know of, each week. Read it. It is food for the soul. You will find it true to the Book and greatly stimulating to the cause of Christ.—Mack Hughes, Pastor.

Some of our people will be interested in trips to be taken in connection with the one to the Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore, such as to the worlds fair in New York, or to Washington, or some other point of interest. You will find on another page an announcement by Rev. F. B. Pearson, pastor of Montevallo, Ala., who is conducting a party to these places. He may help you. Write him.

CIRCULATION: This week's circulation is 19,231, with more than a hundred others on the way. See next week's Record for details.

The Morton Baptist Church begins a series of evangelistic services on Sunday, May 26. Rev. D. A. McCall and Rev. Otis Perry will be with us. Pray for us.

Miss Catherine Bryan who two years ago wrote a life of her father Dr. R. T. Bryan, missionary in Shanghai, China, is preparing a biography of Matthew T. Yates, who went as a missionary to Shanghai nearly a century ago.

All Mississippi College men in Bolivar and adjoining counties will come together for a "fellowship dinner" on Monday night in Cleveland, where Dr. J. W. Middleton, of Clinton, is preaching in a revival meeting.—I. D. E.

Rev. Charles G. Hamilton, Episcopal Clergyman from Aberdeen is a member of the Mississippi legislature and has rendered good service in his efforts to put Mississippi on the right side of every moral question. For this he has suffered some criticism from those who do not stand as he does. He deserves the support of those who wish to make Mississippi a better state to live in. He is particularly interested in two bills now in committees which ought to be brought out and passed. One is the bill to forbid liquor advertising in the state. This would hit the liquor business the hardest possible blow. For that reason it ought to be pushed through to passage. The other is the bill to censor moving pictures. Certainly something should be done to help clean house here. This bill is said to be patterned after one which has been a law in Ohio for 25 years.

The First Baptist Church of Cleveland voted on last Sunday to participate in the Ministers' Retirement Plan.

Sparks and Splinters

Three of the nine provincial governors in Canada are said to be Baptists, those in Ontario, New Brunswick and Alberta.

On the night of May 2 a group of Louisiana Baptists are having an all-night prayer meeting on the Olla Encampment grounds.

Dr. Kyle M. Yates of Louisville, Ky., will spend a part of the summer working with the Committee on revision of the American Revised Bible.

Lyon: Pastor B. Frank Smith reports splendid results from the Church Loyalty Emphasis. He made large use of all materials.

Southern Seminary Alumni will hold their annual breakfast during the Convention in Baltimore at the Lord Baltimore Hotel June 13, 7:30 a. m.

Our sympathy goes out to Rev. E. S. Flynt of Gulfport and to his mother at Mt. Olive on account of the death of his father T. L. Flynt who passed away April 18, at the age of 72.

The two students graduating with the master's degree at the Louisville Seminary chosen to make addresses at commencement, are Honorio Espinoza of Chile and Robt. W. Pratt of Missouri.

The friends of Dr. J. T. Wallace, of Mississippi College are anxious about him, as he suffers at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson. He is a deacon and one of the most useful members of the church.

Dr. Howard W. Tribble of the Louisville Seminary will deliver the baccalaureate address at M. S. C. W., Columbus, Miss., on June 2; and preach the commencement sermon for the University of Richmond June 9.

The Commencement exercises of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital will be held in First Church, Jackson, Monday, May 13, at 8 p. m. There is a large graduating class of young women who get their degrees at Registered Nurse, and go forth to a blessed ministry.

Rev. Fred Smith, pastor of First Church, Greenville, Miss., has been called to First Church of Fayetteville, Ark. We are not informed as to his decision. Fayetteville is in the heart of the Ozarks, and is the seat of the University of Arkansas, and occupies one of the most strategic situations in the state.

Evangelist A. D. Muse is with Pastor W. E. Hellen in a meeting at Superior Ave. Church, Bogalusa, La. Great crowds and people being saved at every service. Lately he has been in meetings and Bible conferences at Hollandale, Miss.; Huttig, Ark.; and two other places in Texas.

To the members of Victory Baptist Church, Jefferson Davis County: Your church now has the EVERY FAMILY plan and the Baptist Record will come to your home each week. It is the prayer of your pastor that you read it carefully. It will prove a blessing to you as it has to many other churches.—Gaston G. Mooney, Pastor.

Dr. T. W. Young, Corinth, writes that the work there is going fine. Since March 1st, the Church Loyalty Campaign has been on and attendance has increased 25%, additions nearly every Sunday. There have been 34 additions since the campaign started. Revival next month, with Dr. Norris Palmer preaching and Mr. Stanley Armstrong singing.

Mr. T. J. Gordon, director of the Baptist Training Union of First Church, McComb, reports a splendid study course conducted last week with an average attendance of ninety. Rev. Wyatt R. Hunter, pastor, taught the adult book, "Building a Christian Home." Miss Enid Henry taught the seniors the book "Planning a Life." Mr. R. J. Elfort, Jr., had a splendid class of Intermediates and they studied "Not Your Own." "The Junior and His Church" was taught by Miss Sarah Alexine Gibson. There was a fine spirit throughout the week. The fun period conducted between regular class repioids was enjoyed by all. This department is showing a continued growth under the leadership of this capable director.

Rev. D. W. Herring for 45 years a missionary in China, aged 82 died April 16 at the home of his son Rev. R. A. Herring in Winston-Salem, N. C. They returned to America in 1929. Mrs. Herring died in 1935. They have a son and daughter who are now missionaries in China.

Dr. Homer L. Grice has been sixteen years developing the Daily Vacation Bible school. There are now half a million enrolled in them, and he hopes by 1945 to have a million. If you have never had one in your church, take it up with brother E. C. Williams, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., and he will show you how.

Referring to the published reports that Dr. C. E. Maddry had by invitation of President Roosevelt had a thirty minutes conference with him, the Baptist Message thinks it an indication that the opinion of Southern Baptists is respected on national and international questions. May be it was just an effort to lubricate the machinery and get by with the appointment of an ambassador to the pope, as was done in the case of the officials of the Federal Council. We are not at the end of this business.

We appreciate an invitation to the graduating exercises of the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans, Tuesday evening, May 14. Rev. Chas. L. McKay of Mississippi is president of the class. There are eight taking the doctor's degree; ten taking the master's degree in Theology; one as Bachelor of Theology; three as Master of Christian Training, two of these Chinese; two as bachelor of Christian training; and others receiving diplomas without degrees.

Miss Sallie Stamps, who was the first superintendent of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, has been a patient in this institution for a few days. When the U. S. got into the war in 1917 she resigned her position and took service in the army, doing excellent work in France. She came back with tuberculosis of the spine and has never been well since. She spent several years in Colorado. Her friends in Jackson were pleased to have her in their midst again.

The whole country was shocked last week by the report of the death of more than 200 negroes in Natchez, caused by a fire in a dance hall. How it was possible for such a fire trap to exist in a modern city, it is difficult to imagine, for a fire trap it certainly was. The Red Cross has brought some assistance to the families of these fire victims. The origin of the fire is ascribed to different causes. It seems practically assured that drunkenness was the most likely cause. The papers speak of a "bar" in the building.

Dr. Wm. B. Lippard has an editorial in the May issue of "Missions," Northern Baptists' missionary magazine, in which he urges identical action by the Northern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention in three matters: (1) American Neutrality, (2) Conscientious objectors, and the appointment of an American Ambassador to the Pope. He believes that unless such action is identical in both bodies and presented jointly, it will have no effect. We believe his contention is true, and see no objection to the resolutions on these subjects being prepared beforehand by the committee on Public Relations which in many cases has acted for both Conventions.

Some of our associations have a Spring session, which unlike the Autumn meeting does not receive reports and make plans, but in which they discuss the matters of personal, local and spiritual interest. This is well for there is insufficient time in the fall meeting. We had the pleasure of attending on Tuesday of last week a meeting of this kind in Leake County Association. The subject for discussion was religion in the homes. When we arrived Mrs. Brooks of Tuscola, superintendent of woman's work was just concluding her talk. Then brethren Odom, Nutt and others followed. The people were deeply interested. The editor was allowed to speak before noon and talked about "family prayer." We missed the afternoon session in which moderator Bragg spoke. A dinner was served in the school building, enough for twice the crowd, which was large and representative.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Green, missionaries in Africa will reach America May 20 for their year's furlough.

Wm. E. Gladston, British Prime Minister is quoted as saying, "The drink traffic has caused more poverty, more misery and more deaths than all the wars of all times."

Dr. M. T. Rankin, Mission Secretary to the Orient, says that the war in China has served to cement into closer Christian brotherhood the missionaries and the native Christians in that country.

Dr. A. B. Wood of Forest helped Pastor McElroy in a meeting at Charleston last week, which members said was the best in years. There were 32 additions to the church, twenty-four of them by baptism, many of them mature people. Fuller report later.

The Associated Church Press met in Washington April 9-11. A committee from the association visited President Roosevelt. From the minutes of the meeting we learn that the "President received the representatives of the Associated Church Press and made a pleasant speech from which quotations are not permitted." It is a new role for a press, that business of keeping silent.

Those who have followed the present discussion about the appointment of a U. S. Ambassador to the Vatican may be interested in knowing that the Arkansas Baptist Convention in 1853, eighty seven years ago, memorialized Congress and Pres. Pierce in the interest of religious liberty. At that time Rev. Jessie Hartwell was president of the convention and Samuel Stevenson secretary.

We are informed by Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, of Washington that there has been organized in that city an "Emergency Committee on behalf of Religious Liberty" composed of approximately 100 ministers and rabbis. This committee is promoting a conference to be held in Washington June 11, 1940. The climax of the conference will be a mass meeting in Constitution Hall. A Methodist Bishop, an Episcopal Bishop, a Jewish Rabbi besides a Christian Pastor, and the ministers of the Methodist and Baptist pastors' conferences. Already a declaration of allegiance to the principle of religious liberty has been prepared.

At the prayer meeting hour last week the Clinton church ordained five new deacons. They are Profs. Holland and Allen of the public schools; Dr. Carlock teacher in Mississippi College, Mr. Albritton, business manager of Mississippi College, and Mr. Street who occupies a position with the government. Mr. Burriss was also elected a deacon but had already been ordained. There was a good congregation who listened attentively to the sermon by Pastor C. Z. Holland of Canton. Two deacons from Canton also participated, brethren Young and Eubanks. The ordaining prayer was led by Rev. J. E. Street of Laurel. A large group of ministers took part in the laying on of hands; also about a dozen deacons of the Clinton church. Pastor J. W. Middleton presided. All felt that it was an important event in the life of the church and inspires hope for larger work in the future.

Brother Joe Canzoneri reports three meetings in the past month. First was at South Pittsburg, Tenn., N. V. Underwood pastor. There was a fine spiritual interest, and many dedications to the Lord. Brother Canzoneri led the singing and preached in the morning and the pastor in the evening. Next was the meeting at West Point, Miss., where Pastor J. E. Stewart preached in the morning on some of the fundamental problems of the Christian life, and in the evening on the "Lord's Prayer"; wonderful messages to large congregations. It was not a regular evangelistic meeting, but for the deepening of the spiritual life. There were some additions. Last was a meeting at Opp, Ala., with Pastor Earl Trent. R. E. Edge of Montgomery preached and brother Canzoneri led the singing. There was a gracious revival, many rededications and several additions to the church. The messages of brother Edge were splendid gospel messages. Pastor Trent is doing good service here and in the surrounding territory.

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Thursday, May 2, 1940

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"FINDING THE TRUTH"

One of the great problems that disturbs a pastor from time to time is finding the truth in a controversy. I cut my wisdom teeth on this one in my first pastorate. For about six months after I arrived everything went lovely and then one Saturday there broke out in the conference a big row. As inexperienced as I was I could not understand what there was in the matter under consideration for the church to become so angry about.

It chanced that day that I had dinner with the main man on one side of the argument. If half of what he said about the main man on the other side had been true he ought to have been in the penitentiary. The next day I had dinner with the leading brother on the other side and he talked about the other fellow in the same spirit. The truth is that apart from their quarrel each was a pretty good man. Alas they could only see evil in each other.

From then until now I have known that finding the truth in a controversy is almost as difficult as looking for the proverbial needle in the haystack. The facts are practically always distorted and the conclusions which are drawn by the disputants are from beliefs that are born from the desires that think evilly of another.

A wise old preacher taught me a long time ago that the way to deal with things like that is to let them alone. Whenever I have followed this counsel things have always turned out better.

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MRS. W. W. HAMILTON

After a prolonged period of ill health Zula Belle Doyle, beloved wife of President W. W. Hamilton of the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans, Louisiana, went to be with her Lord, April 20. The funeral services were held in Managan Chapel at the Institute Tuesday, the 23rd, and conducted by her pastor, the Rev. R. Houston Smith of the Napoleon Avenue Church, assisted by Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., pastor of the St. Charles Avenue Church of which Dr. Hamilton was pastor before assuming his duties as President of the Institute.

Mrs. Hamilton was born in Oxford, Mississippi, but spent her early life and secured her education in Virginia. She married Dr. Hamilton at Bristol, Virginia, while he was a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. She was a faithful wife and a real helper in the pastoral and evangelistic labors of Dr. Hamilton. As such she had a very wide circle of admiring friends.

Of late years she was known and loved by the Institute students as "Mother Hamilton." She is survived by three sons, William Wistar Hamilton, Jr., a member of the Institute faculty; Perry Elwood Hamilton, a practicing attorney in Cleveland, Ohio; and Doyle A. Hamilton of Ashtabula, Ohio, connected with the Greyhound Bus Lines. A sister, Mrs. Lawrence N. Buford, Lexington, Kentucky, and a brother, Rhedric Doyle, Keystone, West Virginia.

The pall bearers at the funeral were Institute students with the members of the Institute faculty acting as honorary pall bearers.

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Mr. W. A. Harrell who has for several years been active and useful as a representative of the Sunday School Board in the Sunday School and B. T. U. Training work has been made secretary of the Church Building Department, hitherto supervised by Dr. P. E. Burroughs. Secretary Harrell is an active deacon and S. S. official in his own church in Nashville, Tenn. Those seeking counsel in church building may address him in care of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

By G. C. Hodge

Every Christian Should Know How God As A Shepherd Deals With His Sheep.

He should know that as a shepherd, God deals with every believer as a shepherd deals with his sheep.

As a shepherd, God knows his sheep. He knows them by name. He has the name of each one written in his Lamb's book of life. He has his mark, brand or seal on each one. He called Matthew, Peter, James, John and others by name into his service when he was on earth in physical form, and he calls his sheep by name now; calls them to follow him. In the tenth chapter of John we are told that "He calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out."

As a shepherd, God safeguards his sheep. He protects them from the enemy of their souls. He says, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep . . . They shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." He says his sheep will not of their own accord leave him to follow another. "A stranger they will not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." He says if anyone leaves his flock to follow another he does so because he is not a sheep. "Ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep." "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us they would have remained with us." I John 2:19.

As a shepherd, God guides his sheep. He leads them to green pastures, besides still waters, through valleys of shadows, and restores their souls. In the yesterdays we had a herd of cattle. They were in a good pasture, but under the hot July sun the water dried up and the grass scorched. A few miles away was another pasture in which was a running stream, tall grass and plenty of shade. We decided to transfer the cattle to this pasture. We rounded up the cattle and started out. The road was dusty and the sun was hot. The cows became so hungry they could hardly walk and so thirsty their tongues hung out. They lowed and bellowed their protest, but we drove them on. They thought we were cruel and were dealing harshly with them, but in the late afternoon when the gates swung open and they entered the new, green pasture and rested in the shade of trees beside the cool waters we hope they understood that it was for their good that we put them through that unpleasant experience, and were grateful to us for it. As a shepherd, God at times has to lead his sheep through unpleasant experiences, but at the end of the day his sheep will understand that it was for their good that he did it.

As a shepherd, God will, at the end of time, separate the goats from his sheep. There is more truth than poetry in the song the cowboys on the western plains love to sing at night as they camp under the open skies, entitled, When Its Round-Up Time In Heaven, the chorus of which is:

When its round-up time in heaven,
And the troubles of life are o'er,
All the friends that death has severed
Shall gather on the golden shore.
'Twill be sweet when we meet at Jesus' feet
With no heartaches, no pains, no sighs—
When they comb heaven's plain
Will they find your name
At the great round-up in the skies?

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Pastor O. C. Chance reports a good meeting at Crowder the fifth week in March. The pastor and Rev. J. C. Murphy did the preaching. Kelter Moore, Mississippi College ministerial student led the singing. Large crowds attended the services. Each morning the 600 school children were divided into three groups with each preacher leading one group. Before the evening services study courses were taught. Books used were The Senior B. Y. P. U. Manual, Intermediate B. Y. P. U. Manual, and When Do Teachers Teach. There were 35 additions.

A PICTURE OF JESUS

By Clyde L. Breland

Some years ago, while I was guest in a Christian home in the hills of Kentucky, I observed upon the wall of the family's living room the enlarged photograph of a stalwart young man dressed in the uniform of our country. Upon inquiry, I was informed by the mother, with a bit of sadness in her voice, that it was a picture of her son who had been killed in action in France.

"He was a Christian," she said. "Just before he left home on his last furlough, he placed his arms about me and told me not to worry about him. He was going to be all right. He told me that if he did not return from the war he wanted me as his mother to know that he would be waiting for me in heaven."

Upon occasions I have pictured that home since that day. I can feel something of the inconsolable grief that overwhelmed the hearts of the parents, the brothers and sisters, when the sad news came of his death. I can imagine the mother often-times, alone in the home, standing with tear-dimmed eyes before the picture of her lad who was gone. I can sense something of her resolution to be true to his memory, to be the very best wife and mother possible, that no stain from her life might serve to defile the memory of her boy. I can picture her as, sometimes in the night watches, she remembers all over again the reassuring words that he spoke to her just before he went away nevermore to return. I can picture something of the fond anticipation that wells up in her soul as she thinks that within a few brief years at best she shall lay aside her frail body of clay and march out into the presence of the Saviour to meet her boy again.

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And I have thought of another picture—the picture which our Saviour left behind for His loved ones. He, too, went away from our world almost two thousand years ago. Who, of those who love the Saviour, has not wondered how He appeared as He walked among men? Did he, in any wise, resemble the pictures which we see in the story books about Him? Have the great masters of art presented Him realistically in the portrayals set before us in their paintings? Did He have kindly blue eyes, full of loving compassion, as He appears in the artists' imaginings?

We cannot know now. For the art of photography was not to be born for almost eighteen centuries after He had gone away. And the sculptors of His day were too busily engaged with images of the Olympian gods and busts of the illustrious of Rome to have interest in an obscure peasant of Palestine.

Still, we have a marvelous picture of Jesus—drawn by His own hands—by which He asks to be remembered. It is found in the broken loaf and the fruit of the vine, emblematic of His body, pierced by a Roman sword for us, and of the blood which flowed from the wounds of the nails which fixed Him to His cross, the blood which flowed from His riven side, the healing balm of the soul.

It was on the night before His passion that He drew it. In an upper room in Jerusalem, with His beloved disciples about Him, after the Passover feast had been ended, He took bread, and brake it, and blessed it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: "This is my body; take and eat." Likewise the cup of pure, sparkling wine He raised from the table, saying: "This is my blood of the New Covenant, which was shed for many for the remission of sins. Drink ye all of it."

That is the picture which He gave us. That is His own love-gift to His loved ones—the token of His sacrificial love, the great wherewith He loved us. Paul, under inspiration, interpreted it for us: "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

The Lord's Supper is the memorial of our crucified and risen Saviour, who has gone away from us in the flesh. He is separated from our world of sight and touch, and is comprehended now only in the Spirit. We are among those de-

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EDITORIALS

DESTRUCTIVE HERESIES

There are people who grow petulant and impatient at any mention of heresy or false teaching, and condemn without mercy what they call heresy hunting. They probably have very personal reasons for their opposition to heresy hunting: they do not wish the searchlight turned on them. Of course it is not the chief business of life to kill parasites, whether they be on people or dogs or your cotton. But the agricultural world is quite aware that unless something is done, and done all the time to destroy boll weevil and cutworms, it is not worth while to plant a crop. The destruction of mosquitos has saved millions of lives. Lice are responsible for the transmission of cholera and typhus. Somebody has got to look after the destruction of the destroyers. They tell us that if the birds did not destroy the bugs, the bugs would destroy the things on which men depend for subsistence.

The Bible is full of caution against false prophets and false teaching. You will find it in Paul's letters and those of James and Peter and Jude and John, in all of them. The only man afraid of the light is one whose work is done under the cover of darkness. Peter says, "Among you there shall be false teachers who shall privily bring in destructive heresies." John says, "Try the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into all the world." It is just as needful for Christian people to fortify themselves and others against hurtful heresies as it is to make your children immune to diphtheria and smallpox.

The best way to prevent disease of the body or soul is to build up resistance by using the means to insure good health. That is the reason serums are used against colds or against many other diseases. Proper food that nourishes the body fortifies against disease. And proper instruction, positive means for edifying the soul also fortifies the mind and soul against the encroachments of false teaching. To study the Bible daily with the sincere prayer that the Holy Spirit will lead us into all the truth, will prevent our being carried away by the wiles of error, or being tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine.

If Baptists would preach faithfully what the Bible says about holy living, we would not be pestered with Holy Rollers. If Baptists would faithfully proclaim and personally demonstrate the power of the gospel to transform man's life and dominate all his relationships, we would hear less about "the foursquare gospel." If we had taken literally and followed faithfully the Bible instruction about praying for the sick, "Christian Scientists" would never have led the people astray in a religion denying material existence and yet devoted to material comfort.

If our people had made a business of making personal application of the presence of Christ in us, and the indwelling Spirit of God, there would have been no such thing as the "Oxford movement," or "Buchmanism."

These heresies all derive from the neglect of some Bible teaching by those who profess to believe the whole Bible, until somebody comes along who calls attention to a neglected truth, singles out this truth as if it were the only truth in the Bible, and builds a system on it or around it to the neglect of other truths, and to the perversion of the one which they seek to magnify. You may enlarge the list of them from the start given above.

It becomes us to avail ourselves of the attention called to any neglected truth, and get the benefit of it, without magnifying it out of proportion or to the neglect of all other truth. In every case the super emphasis on one truth has led to hurtful heresies. Buchmanism, for example, blinds people to the fundamental and essential facts and teaching of the gospel. Its advocates lay no stress on regeneration, or atonement, or the divinity of Christ, or the authority of the

Bible. For all this there is substituted a subjective state of mind. A Jew can adopt it without acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. You may believe anything else, or believe nothing in particular, so you adopt the Buchman formula of honesty, etc. It is not what the Oxford movement teaches or believes that is dangerous. It is what it does not teach that makes it a religion without an atonement for sin.

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AN INSPIRED PRAYER

Ephesians 1:15-23

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We shall have to take this passage in Ephesians in installments to get the largest benefits from it. There is another prayer in the third chapter which will come up later. How easily Paul passes from instruction to supplication. They easily merge and blend. God is ever close to him when he is talking to men. And men are ever in his mind when he is talking with God.

We can learn as much from his praying as from his preaching. If it is true that we know not what to pray for as we ought, surely these examples of prayer can be very helpful to us, for they were recorded for us by the Holy Spirit who has promised to help us in this very matter. We once heard a young man say he often went to a certain church that he might hear an old preacher who had been retired from the active ministry, lead the pastoral prayer at the morning worship.

Paul gives as his incitement to prayer two things, Eph. 1:15, 16, "For this cause I also having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is among you, and the love which ye show toward all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers." The two reasons are "for this cause" (referring to what he had already said), and having heard about their faith in the Lord Jesus.

He had spoken of their having been chosen and foreordained of God from before the foundation of the world; of God's working out this eternal purpose in the redemption through his blood; of the abounding grace of God already shown to believers, both Jews and Gentiles, of their having been made God's heritage, and given the earnest of the Spirit in assurance of the final consummation of the purpose of God.

This emboldened him to pray. He could now pray in line with the purpose of God; could be sure that his prayer was according to God's will; could pray with confidence and boldness; for God had confirmed his promise and the testimony of Jesus by sealing them with the Holy Spirit of promise. It was "for this cause."

The other reason was that he had heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus Christ which was among them. Reports had come to him that there people who had in the past expressed their faith in Jesus were demonstrating that it was genuine. This made it easier to pray for them. Their faith had increased his own faith. The fountains of his affection for them were opened up. His love for them was quickened and made him more concerned and hopeful for their progress in the faith.

There is some question here as to the meaning of the next clause, "And the love which ye show toward all the saints." Some of the oldest manuscript copies of this epistle do not have the word love. The evidence is stronger for the omission of the word love, making the passage read the faith which is among you and which ye show toward all the saints. The evidence of their faith was in all their attitude toward the children of God. The next step after personal faith in the Lord Jesus is in the attitude toward the people of God. This is changed instantly. The genuineness of their faith was shown so that it becomes manifest to all Christians. They are quick to discern it, recognize it, acknowledge it and rejoice in it. Because of this Paul would be constantly grateful and constantly praying for them.

As there are two incentives to prayer, so there are in this prayer of Paul's, two forms which his prayer takes. They are thanksgiving and supplication, or more specifically intercession.

We can hardly think of prayer with either of these two left out. One could hardly feel like asking God for anything without first thanking him for what we have already received. It would be poor manners to say the least of it not to remember and be grateful for what God has done for us, before asking for more. It is due Him. And to express gratitude for past favors and present blessings will embolden us to ask of Him what we now need. And it will make more certain the hearing of our supplication.

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A PURE RELIGIOUS SERVICE

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James says in his epistle, "A pure religious service, and undefiled before our God, is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." It is so because it conforms to the teaching of Jesus that we should do good expecting nothing in return. Whenever there is expectation of any sort of return or recompense from men, the religious element is vitiated. It must be done simply because God tells us to do it, and not because we hope for any approval or reward from men.

That is why giving to orphans is classed as pure and undefiled. It furnishes an opportunity to do something for somebody without any selfish or ulterior motive. We give to them with no expectation or desire that they will repay us in any way. We give for the simple joy of helping somebody. This is the sort of giving that God does. And we are most like him when we do it as he does. "He giveth to all men unconditionally."

But we are most blessed when we are not seeking a blessing on ourselves. It is more blessed to give than to receive. "It furnishes a higher, purer, sweeter joy than receiving." Every opportunity to give is an avenue of Christian joy. The giver gets a larger blessing than those to whom the gift goes. The joy of one who helps an orphan child is more than that of the one who receives the gift. You would of course rather be at the giving end than at the receiving end.

Don't think when you are asked to give that somebody is trying to put something over on you, or wangle something out of you. When Paul accepted the contribution from the Christians at Philippi, he said, 4:17, "Not that I seek for the gift: but I seek for the fruit that increaseth to your account." The reaction is always to the advantage of the giver. The fruit increases to the account of the giver. It is a great opportunity for all of us on Mother's Day to make the children in the orphanage happy. But the giver will be happier still.

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RECOGNIZING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 15:28

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"It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us," is the way the brethren in the Jerusalem conference described the way they came to a decision in a matter of controversy among the early disciples. Here was a question which seriously divided the new churches. It was a question that arose naturally out of the conditions. New converts were coming in from among the Gentiles. Should they be received simply on their profession of faith in the Christ? Or should they have to go back and come in by the door of circumcision and obeying the law of Moses? That had not been faced before. And there was strong difference of opinion.

The opposing opinions were held by people equally honest and conscientious. But both could not be right. The opposing advocates were both so positive and tenacious that disruption of the church was threatened, and the very nature of the gospel was uncertain. At bottom most differences among Christians go down to this root question of how is one saved. If you settle that question you won't have much difficulty settling all the rest. In the church at Antioch the gospel of salvation had been proclaimed as by grace through faith in Jesus. To repent and believe in Him had been accepted as the sole conditions of salvation.

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But certain ones had come from Jerusalem saying they must be circumcised and keep the law of Moses. Coming from Jerusalem and claiming to represent James their opinions had great weight. This question simply had to be settled. And they sent messengers to Jerusalem to ask about it.

At Jerusalem they had never faced this question squarely, but now they must find out for themselves and proclaim their judgment to the world. All of them were interested and they all came together to consider this matter; the apostles, elders and brethren, "with the whole church." But beside these the Holy Spirit was present; and without Him the others would have been utterly at sea.

The Holy Spirit was the silent member of the conference all the way through. Only at the close is he mentioned by name. But there is no question that he was active throughout. He works through the others. And at last when they go to write their decision they say very properly and reverently, "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us." The Holy Spirit is true to his nature and his mission in working through these men who spoke and through all the church and council.

Doubtless these men had been seeking his counsel, for He is the "spirit of wisdom," "the spirit of counsel." Jesus had promised, "He shall guide you into all the truth." There are times when not to have the counsel of the Holy Spirit in our deliberations is fatal to any Christian enterprise. "If the Lord build not the house, they labor in vain that build it. Unless the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." How many fatal blunders have been made by ignoring the need or disregarding the voice of the Holy Spirit. How sorely we need the Spirit of God presiding in our conventions and conferences today.

There are some things about this conference in Jerusalem which are worth remembering. The decision was not arrived at on the instant. It takes time and the free expression of opinion to arrive at the truth. No muzzle was put on anybody. And no five minute limit was put on speeches. They talked it out to a conclusion, the Holy Spirit presiding.

They arrived at a unanimous decision. They all wanted to know the mind of God and they found it.

This decision was final and universal. It became the precedent for all the churches in that time and for all time to come.

It settled once for all the position of Christianity in relation to Judaism. It was not a new patch on an old garment; it was not a sect or form of the Hebrew religion; it was the one and final revelation of the nature of the kingdom of God and the way into it.

It was not a repudiation of any previous revelation of God but a consummation of all the rest. The Holy Spirit does not contradict Himself. To get the plan of salvation right, will lead to the fulfilment of every moral obligation.

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It is said that the government gets more out of the tobacco crop in taxes collected than do the people who raise the tobacco.

The big show that was pulled off in Berlin last week by German Foreign Minister Ribbentrop did not seem to impress the spectators. He called together all the foreign diplomats and newsmen at the chancellery to hear him deliver a tirade against the Allies for having plotted to enter Norway. He did not give any evidence to substantiate the truth of his statement, and has not up to this time.

Gene Tunney ex-prize fighter and executive head of a million dollar whiskey corporation has been made a member of the Executive Board of the Boy Scout Foundation in New York. We are not surprised that widespread protest is being made by people who desire to maintain the high standard of the Boy Scouts. Everybody knows that it was simply an effort to get money that is reeking with corruption. If the Boy Scout organization wishes the support of the moral element in this country, it had better steer clear of the whiskey heads.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe.")

MURPHY'S BOX BATS 1000

Recently we told of the box which Rev. J. C. Murphy, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, placed in the church vestibule. When last opened it had enough to pay for two months. Where a pastor wants the EF plan there is a way.

A few months ago, without the EF plan the deacons often had to make up extra offerings to take care of the pastor's salary. Since the EF plan has been in operation the pastor's salary has been raised 50%. And always paid on time. In fact last Sunday the offering was more than enough to pay a whole month's salary.

The EF plan must be a good investment.

Baptist Record circulation in Warren County is as follows: Yokena 3, R.F.D. 1, Vicksburg 7, R.F.D. 3, Vicksburg 2, First Church, Vicksburg 18, Bowmar Ave. 1, CALVARY (Vicksburg) 24.

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ZION HILL, COPIAH COUNTY

Pastor O. C. Chance planned a home coming day at Zion Hill and invited us to be the guest preacher. The people attended in goodly numbers and showed a fine spirit. And the dinner on the ground was just what is expected of Copiah county folk. Brother E. W. Callender is doing a good job as Sunday school superintendent. Prof. H. H. Russell is doing equally well as leader of the B. Y. P. U.

Copiah County has subscribers as follows: CRYSTAL SPRINGS 263, Hazlehurst 14, R.F.D. Crystal Springs 3, ANTIOCH 19, Wesson 6, R. F. D. Wesson 3, Spring Hill 1, Gallman 1, Sardis 3, STRONG HOPE 24, Little Bahala 1, Macedonia 7, Zion Hill 8, GEORGETOWN 41, ROCKPORT 5, PLEASANT HILL 14, Shady Grove 1, Verna 1.

Copiah County has the distinction of having the smallest EF church in the state—Rockport has five families and five Records.

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AN APPRECIATED READER

My dear old "Record":

Enclosed you will find \$1.50 to pay your fare to visit me each week for another year. Your visits are so appreciated, so instructive and encouraging till I can't afford to miss them as long as I can pay the way.

Mrs. J. M. Boxx,

Water Valley, Miss.

THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS IN THE EATING THEREOF

There were ten additions at Parkway Church, Jackson, last Sunday; one for baptism and nine by letter. The work here is a constant inspiration.

This is an EF church.

We have just completed a Sunday School Study Course at the Lambert Baptist Church. The book studied was "Looking at Learning." Our teaching force was 100% in attendance.

Members of EF churches are informed.

Rev. A. E. Pardue began his fourth year as pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Church, December 3rd. On this date there were twelve additions to the church. Large crowds are attending the church. A building fund has been started for the erection of an educational building. Sufficient funds for the erection of the building will be in the bank before the building is begun.—A. E. Pardue, Pastor.

EF churches do things.

The only Brotherhood reporting from Walthall County is at Knoxo church. It has had the church auditorium and Sunday school rooms wired for electric lights. The pastor's salary is paid in full

MINISTER OF MUSIC AND EDUCATION FIRST CHURCH, MERIDIAN

Our church is genuinely disappointed that we are not to have the Scholfields but like good soldiers we are not going to cry about what we can not have that we want.

The church has instructed the pastor to take immediate steps to find someone qualified to render the great service which we need in a special minister of music and christian education. He has already opened an extensive correspondence in quest of a man for this important ministry in our church. Please pray for him that the Holy Spirit may lead him to find the man of God's own choice for this service.

We take it that the Lord did not want the Scholfields to come with us or they would have come. We are confident that he does have a man for us somewhere. We are much concerned to find God's man for this place. We know we have excellent brethren whom we might secure but many things have to be considered when we go to look for a yoke fellow for such service.

This is the pastor's promise to the church that at the earliest possible moment consistent with the proper consideration and investigation that ought to be given the matter he will make a recommendation to the church.

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President Nelson of Mississippi College supplied the pulpit of Bellvue Church, Memphis, Sunday. There were over 3,000 people present, necessitating extra chairs. A number of boys from this church are in Mississippi College.

A resolution asking that Pennsylvania candidates for the United States Senate state their position regarding temporary or permanent diplomatic relations with the Vatican was adopted by the South Ministerium, a group of South Philadelphia Protestant churches. The group also termed illegal President Roosevelt's appointment of Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative at the Vatican.—Ex.

The Associated Press gives a report of the first meeting of the Methodist Conference since the union of the three bodies in America. We quote a part: Delegates to the general conference of the new Methodist Church broke into applause for five minutes Thursday when they heard an objection of the Council of Bishops to any possible diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican. We do deplore and must firmly resist any union of church and state, and are and will be unalterably opposed to any establishment of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the United States. It stated the Roman Catholic Church "does not yet abate one trace of her claim to totalitarian authority over all aspects of human life (and) recent events reveal anew her purpose to press to the utmost even the most doubtful diplomatic advantages, especially in relation to the United States.

There is not in fact and there ought never to be in our minds any antagonism between the gospel of redemption through the blood of Jesus and the teaching and practice of our obligations to men, or what is sometimes called the social application of the gospel. Paul stood out above all men of his age or any other age as a preacher of the gospel of salvation by the washing of regeneration and atonement by the cross of Christ. And he it was who organized a movement in all the churches for the relief of the poor in Jerusalem. In every epistle of his he laid the foundation of salvation by grace through faith. And in every epistle he made application of the gospel teaching to all the relationships of life. It is utter folly to set the two things over against each other as antagonistic. They are vitally connected. The same gospel that teaches us to love God with all our hearts, also teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

every month. The Brotherhood is now sponsoring the repairing and painting of the church house, which will soon be finished. Knoxo is also the only EF church in Walthall County.

BARNABAS—THE FIRST FOREIGN MISSIONARY

E. K. Cox, D. D.

Barnabas the son of consolation holds an honorable place in the divine record and stands out in Christly manhood before the whole Christian galaxy. We know but little of his early life; he was born in the island of Cyprus, and was a Levite of good standing among his people. We are not told when he was converted, most likely upon the day of Pentecost or the revival days which followed. He soon became an active Christian and rose to leadership in that mother church.

He quickly manifested such ministerial gifts that his original name of Joses was forgotten, and he became Barnabas, the Son of consolation. He was most evidently a man whose words comforted the troubled and stirred the indifferent. There was need for consolation among the members of that early church; they were in the main poor people, and much of the time bitterly persecuted. When there was trouble they said let us send for brother Joses, he can make the promises seem so real and his words can help us if any one can. Such an one who could lift up the bowed heads and strengthen the feeble knees was a blessing to that young church and his work of that sort added much to his power as a preacher.

His influence was also greatly advanced by his big-hearted liberality; a church appreciates a man who is unselfish and generous without ostentation. This man owned some land in or near Jerusalem, and when the need grew pressing he said to himself: "I am not going to farm any more, I am a preacher of the gospel and I can get along without this land; the poor people of this church must not suffer nor the cause be hindered for lack of money." So the land was sold and the money brought to the apostles. I think Barnabas said: "I have sold some land and there is the money, take it and feed the hungry and clothe the naked, and if any is left use it in any other way which will advance the cause." Thus Barnabas became the worthy progenitor of that long line of preachers who have outgiven the laymen of their churches while living on the meager salaries they have received. From the beginning the real preachers of the gospel have been liberal and sacrificial men. Not many of them have owned fields, because they have given their time and of their small salaries without stint. When this preacher showed the way, a great number of the brethren followed in his steps and the first church at Jerusalem became the model for all time in sacrificial giving.

Barnabas continued his ministry of consolation all through the period of persecution and many a saddened home was brightened by his words of cheer when some one was carried to prison or driven away by the relentless persecutors. His great gifts and his constant words of comfort made him one of the best loved men among the Jerusalem saints.

When Saul the bitter foe of the church was converted on the Damascus road and returned to Jerusalem, it was Barnabas who stilled the fears and distrust of the brethren and introduced the new convert to the church. His loving discernment saw the changed life of the man who had breathed out threatenings and slaughter, and he was the first man to welcome him to the fellowship which he had striven so hard to destroy. How much we owe of the mighty apostle to the Gentiles to the helpful spirit of Barnabas we shall never know, but he was the friend of Paul at a crucial and pivotal time.

The church was just learning the import and scope of the great commission; Jewish conservatism and exclusiveness had kept from them the glory of its world-girdling vision, but the light was dawning. Peter was used of the Holy Spirit to make the first breach in the encircling wall, but it was Barnabas who became the pioneer missionary to the waiting world outside.

When the fires of persecution scattered the Jerusalem flock after the killing of Stephen they began to go outside the limits of Judea preaching

to Jews only; however some who were men from Cyprus and Cyrene brought up away from the strict ideas of Jerusalem when they reached Antioch broke over and began in that great metropolis of the east to preach the good news to the Greeks. The Holy Spirit greatly honored their courage and gave them special manifestation of His power, and great numbers believed. News of such an innovation soon reached the Jerusalem church. In the meantime the work of Peter at the house of Cornelius had given them a new insight into the full purpose of God for the world, and they decided this work at Antioch needed a guiding hand, and in looking about for some one they turned to Barnabas. He had been born outside Jerusalem and was a man of loving personality and breadth of vision, so they felt him well fitted for this new task.

Thus Barnabas became the pioneer of that heroic company who have been the explorers and first line troops of the advancing kingdom of God. There was no hesitation and holding back on the part of this man of Levitical birth and training when he saw the mighty work of grace in progress, but he at once began his gracious work of exhortation, encouraging the new converts to loyalty to their new-found Lord, and to cleave to Him despite all opposition.

The Holy Spirit paused long enough in this narrative to pronounce upon the first missionary this beautiful eulogy: "For he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith; and much people were added to the Lord." We learn here that the word good in the meaning of the New Testament is more than to be one of kindly and genial disposition, of course he will be that, but he must be more. He was filled with the Holy Ghost, and that meant a surrendered life, and the promised power. He was possessed of a conquering faith; he believed in his Lord, and trusted Him with all his heart. More than that he believed in the power of the gospel to save men everywhere, and in such faith he mightily proclaimed it. It was no ordinary man who stood as a keeper of this outpost in this great heathen city, leading the advance forces of a conquering army.

The work grew until Barnabas needed a helper, and he knew how hard it would be for one of the leaders of the church at Jerusalem to fit into this Gentile city. He may have despaired a bit, and then his heart leaped when he thought of Saul, driven from Jerusalem now laboring in Tarsus. Maybe the hand of the Lord drove him from the city of his fathers that he might find his life work in this metropolis of heathendom. He told the brethren that the work was getting too big for him, but that he knew the very man for the place, and set out to Tarsus after Saul. It would be interesting to know what passed between these stalwarts, but Saul was not hard to convince, his soul turned to the task among the Gentiles and he was willing to go.

Thus Barnabas brought the great apostle to the Gentiles to the work of his life. For one year the work grew in Antioch, it just had to grow, put Barnabas and Saul together anywhere and something was bound to happen. A company of kindred spirits in that Antioch church began to pray about the vast fields beyond, and Saul and Barnabas were beginning to dream of Caesar conquered by the crucified Christ. If you don't want to do bigger things don't pray about them; as these men prayed they caught more and more the imperial spirit of the great commission. The work owes an incalculable debt to that little company of five. They had visions of bigger things than any Caesar under his purple robes ever knew. They have a lofty page in the annals of the kingdom of God.

As they waited upon their knees the Holy Spirit spoke the word he had waited to speak. "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." What a word! What a vision! Moses looking over promised Canaan from Nebo, Columbus catching his first glimpse of new world saw nothing to compare with what came to the inner eyes of this pair gazing at fields that reached all the way from Antioch to the uttermost

parts of the world. The day the church at Antioch sent out these two men they set in motion forces which would change the map of the world, determine its future civilization and fix the course of empire.

In the beginning Barnabas, the older man was the leader and the most potent force, but as the dynamic Saul came to his full stature with this enlarging task his stupendous energy and quenchless zeal pushed him to the front. It took time for men to see that Barnabas with his majestic appearance was not the real leader, but this little man from Tarsus, possibly the most forceful personality the world has ever known.

The story of this first journey is more romantic and thrilling than the Aeneid or the Iliad, and far more meaningful than the wanderings of Aeneas or Ulysses. These were the pioneers of a holy crusade, the advance guard of the armies of eternity. Their difference and separation were unfortunate but the time had come when the little man from Tarsus must lead the forlorn hopes and daring enterprises of the kingdom of the crucified King of the ages.

Sometime during the first missionary journey, Barnabas, the pioneer and older man slips into second place, and the tireless, pursant Paul comes to the front as the mighty missionary leader. This takes nothing from the crown of life which rests upon the head of this earliest man to set out upon the most tremendous task ever given to mortal men.

Barnabas drops out of the New Testament story after the controversy with Paul about John Mark, who turned back at Perga. To the uncompromising, militant soul of Paul this was almost high treason to the holy cause; Barnabas with his milder disposition was inclined to be lenient, and when Paul was unyielding, took his penitent kinsman and set out upon a mission of his own.

But little is known of his after life, tradition attributes an epistle to him which is most unlikely, and some have thought that he wrote the epistle to the Hebrews. However his chief glory is that he was the first of that valiant host of witnesses who have ever sought to extend the frontiers of the domain of our Lord.

He stands at the head of the most knightly company the world has ever known. Tennyson has immortalized the knights of King Arthur's roundtable, but they are not worthy to be named in the same breath with that band who have not counted their lives dear that they might exalt the living Christ and extend his reign to earth's remotest bounds. What a list would be added should the Holy Spirit write again that roll call of the faith as given in Hebrews? Just think of that company who in what we call modern missions who might be added to that honor roll, the greatest in the story of human progress. Time fails to more than mention Schwartz, Carey, Duff, Morrison, Judson, Livingstone, Moffatt, Mackay, Lambeth, Yates, Williams, Hannington, and a glorified host almost without number. Barnabas heads a company of holy crusaders which time nor eternity can surpass. They were soldiers in a war which saves but does not slay, helping all and hurting none, dying that millions might live. Their names are written where the Father keeps the love record of his best beloved. They have made life fairer, homes happier, they have banished ignorance, poverty, disease and sin, and made this world sweeter and the future surer with the blessed knowledge of forgiveness and the hope of life eternal. They have written the gospel hope upon the gravestones of a world that knew not God and illumined the tombs with the words of Him who is "the resurrection and the life." To do this they have toiled incredibly, have suffered privation and loneliness, faced odds that would make soldiers blench, and died that those who slew them might live. They are the Legion of Honor of the armies of redemption, the nobility of that kingdom which shall never pass away. And first of that renowned company stands Barnabas, the son of exhortation his face aglow with unfading joy as he looks upon that host of "all

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Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

Worship * Serve * Give

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42.

Win Someone to Him!

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We feel we cannot emphasize too much the importance of a large attendance of men at the Brotherhood meets.

Our speakers include Dr. Lawson H. Cooke, Memphis, our Southwide Secretary; Judge Jno. Wm. McCall, Memphis, Chairman Southwide Committee; Dr. L. G. Gates, Laurel, Dr. J. A. Stewart, West Point and Dr. W. A. Bell, Jackson—well known pastors.

Next week, May 6th at Drew; May 7th at Oxford; May 9th at Columbus; May 10th at Newton (from 6:00-9:30 p. m. supper being served—notify host church as to number of men to expect); and Parkway, Jackson, May 12th, 2:30-4:30 p. m.

All our work will be briefly discussed. Good fellowship will be had.

Attend in large numbers whether you have an organized Brotherhood or not.

II

We feel sure Mississippi Baptists will send large offerings from Mother's Day to the Orphanage building fund.

We have repeatedly stated this office is for every Cause in our midst.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR MAY

1. Spring Revival.
2. School of Missions.
3. Vacation Bible School.
4. Mississippi Baptist Five Thousand Club.
5. Hospital Day—Mother's Day.
6. Cooperative Program.
7. Orphanage Day—Mother's Day.
8. Brotherhood meetings—6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, and 12th.

IV

Recently on Sunday we drove 580 miles and spoke three times. It was a delightful but difficult day. Three large congregations—two associations, and a leading First Church.

In one county association, as we presented "Mississippi Baptists Get The Truth" we asked those who before had seen a list of our missionaries to lift the hand. Not a hand went up.

Yet we wonder why many of our people are not interested. No wonder they are susceptible to false information.

They have a right to the truth!

At the other association meeting only six hands went up on that proposition.

V

Recently, at a Commencement service the Superintendent stated that he "delighted to so teach geography, biology, and other subjects that pupils might find, know and appreciate God." We believe he spoke sincerely. He has gripped the heart of that community. He is a former Choctaw.

We can stand much more teaching of our youth like that!

VI

On a recent Sunday, we were privileged to speak to a congregation that nearly filled a rural church house—despite much rain and mud. We know mud when we see it. The car got stuck beside.

The experience was worth the trip. That country church gives 50% of the offering to the pastor, 40% to missions through the Cooperative Program through this office, and 10% to current expenses. We speak of Pine Grove Baptist Church, Rev. A. B. Culpepper, pastor.

Some other brethren may have to take their

sign down. A country church giving as large percentage to missions as any church in the State save one, so far as we know. No wonder Pastor Culpepper is happy among seven churches.

The same day in a third service—a commencement sermon in the afternoon—we found the house filled at Ellisville. Things are happening there under the hand of our God. Pastor W. E. Greene is doing an effective work. Miss Jimmie Reese, B. S. U. Secretary is happy in the work. Church Loyalty is going good.

More about other dates later.

VII

The following excerpt from a letter from our Evangelist Estes is typical of many heart-stirring appeals coming to this office:

"Dear Brother McCall: The stormy weather and rain has hurt our meeting very much, but there have been 105 joined in our work the past three weeks.

"We are having the baptizing tonight and Brother Joel Sturdivant will do the baptizing for the new church on Sunflower Plantation. Oh! how we need a preacher or Home Missionary on this field. Some how, it looks like we must have some one to take care of the church and many other Baptists who are not yet lined up with it. Please see what can be done as soon as possible."

What will Mississippi Baptists do about STATE MISSIONS?

Over 720,000 LOST individuals in Mississippi above 10 years of age.

Do we care?

How much do we care?

VIII

This paragraph is appreciated from Dr. Lawrence B. Cobb, Pastor, Union—just too modest to run the other two paragraphs—such expressions helped us keep going in the pastorate—they help now—the expression follows:

"April 12, 1940—Dear Sec'y. McCall: After reading your page in the Baptist Record this week I feel that I cannot put off writing you my appreciation any longer. Concerning division II about the importance, vital importance of the Cooperative Program, I said after reading it, 'Amen, Amen and Amen!' And I'm also a firm believer in tithes and offerings. I greatly appreciated the information recently given under the heading Mississippi Baptists Get The Facts. As a pastor, I feel that every member of the church of which I am pastor has a right to know all the facts concerning our financial program and have found they respond better when they know the facts."

IX

We recently had delightful conversation with Drs. L. G. Gates and W. A. Green. A special subject between us was Stewardship. Those brethren believe in it!

Dr. Gates brought out a blue book. Across the front were these words "We Believe God." His members who dared accept the challenge and take the step signed their own names in the book "We Believe God."

It is a great idea! It might well become a movement!

Brother "Slick" Greene passed along some good ideas. He uses brethren who practice tithing to give a minute testimony in the preaching service. He is using the poster of the pictures of the mission workers, and places names of local lost people underneath. He favors continued emphasis upon Stewardship during revivals. Large use is made of tracts and a definite committal to tithing is sought after.

Do Mississippi Baptists really believe God?

We could and would take Mississippi for Christ if that were true!

BR

Pastor Glen Eric Wiley has returned to Grenada after helping Dr. E. E. Steele in a good meeting at Oakland City Church, Atlanta, in which there were 56 additions. This church is situated in a strategic part of the city, with new homes all around the church. There is a membership of 1,150, and good preparation had been made for the meeting, a census having been taken and prayer meetings held beforehand.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

Slogan: "DON'T PUT IT OFF—PUT IT OVER"

I

We drove one evening recently to Greenville to attend an important meeting of outstanding laymen. These men met at the hotel for a real supper as the guests of a half dozen laymen.

Brother Kern Pratt was toastmaster. Brother John D. Davis stated the purpose of the meeting looked toward real participation in the Now Club. Practically every man expressed himself. Brother Davis was named permanent chairman. Other meets are being held. You will hear more later.

Among those attending were: Rev. J. B. Leavell, Leland; J. A. Collier and Homer Dean, Leland; C. H. Moore and W. L. Beard, and Rev. C. C. Carraway, Arcola; Rev. J. R. Eubanks, Dr. Fred E. Smith, Kern Pratt, F. C. Stebbins, A. N. Alexander, Rodney Defenbaugh, H. K. Hammett, John D. Davis, Dwight Norris, and F. O. Batson, of Greenville; Tom Brand and H. G. Carpenter, Rolling Fork; Rev. Walter Price, Glen Allen; Rev. C. A. Worley, Darlove; Rev. D. A. McCall, Rev. H. T. McLaurin, and Rev. G. H. Hightower, Jackson.

II

Mississippi Baptists will be glad to know we have taken up a half dozen bonds due December this year. This was made possible with Now Club receipts. We pledge you these funds will not be spent for other causes, so far as we are concerned.

Thus we are making progress but we must sharply increase the tempo if we are to complete the 3 year plan.

III

Mississippi Baptists have been going forward in debt reduction through the Now Club. This last quarter, January, February, March, receipts totalled \$8,852.49. If this average held through the year the total would be \$35,409.96, well above the peak year of \$32,000.00.

But on a 3 year plan we must receive \$45,000.00 per quarter, or \$185,000.00 per year.

We have just begun—working only 4 months on the Now Club.

Many will pay quarterly, semi-annually or annually. We are in a receptive mood!

IV

We list the following Certificates:

No. 2 for \$250, member Belzoni, (Mrs. J. A. Anderson, field worker).

No. 250 for \$36, No. 113 for \$50, No. 114 for \$50, No. 115 for \$50, No. 138 for \$100, each from a member at Marks, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 248 for \$36, No. 111 for \$50, No. 112 for \$50, each from a member at Money, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 138 for \$100, member Clarksdale, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 249 for \$36.00, member Lyon, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 104 for \$100, member Indianola, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 150 for \$36, No. 201 for \$36, No. 202 for \$36, No. 203 for \$36, No. 204 for \$36, No. 205 for \$36, No. 206 for \$36, No. 207 for \$36, No. 161 for \$100, each from a member at Anguilla, (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 20 for \$36, No. 21 for \$36, No. 22 for \$36, No. 208 for \$36, No. 209 for \$36, No. 210 for \$36, each from a member at Priscilla, (McLaurin, field worker).

BR

Since the resignation of brother B. L. McKee the church at Brandon has called Rev. H. W. Roberson who is pastor at Pearson and has been teaching in Poplar Springs High School near Meridian. He is a recent graduate of Mississippi College.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
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President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Traylor
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson
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Stewardship—Mrs. J. H. Street, 1412 5th St., Laurel, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. M. Nelson, Clinton, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jackson, Miss.

Our District Meetings will begin May 13th. These meetings are being planned by the District Officers and the programs will be excellent. Miss Juliette Mather, Young People's Secretary of the South, will be our guest speaker.

The places and dates are as follows:

May 13th District 2—Cleveland, Miss.
May 14th District 5—Eupora.
May 14th District 1—Yazoo City
May 16th District 8—Prentiss
May 17th District 7—Richton
May 21st District 6—Union
May 22nd District 4—Blue Mountain
May 23rd District 3—Batesville

Note that we are meeting a month earlier this year because of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in June.

You will be interested to know that to date we have received more than \$9,000 for our Annie Armstrong Offering. If you have not sent your contribution yet, we hope you will send it soon.

Thanksgiving time we pack lovely boxes and send them to our Baptist Orphanage to help to feed and clothe our homeless children. When Mother's Day comes around each May, we are asked for a cash offering for our Orphanage. This cash offering this year is to be used to finish our building project. Those of you who have visited the Orphanage recently are proud of the new buildings that have already been completed without debt and you are looking forward to the time when all buildings will be finished.

On Mother's Day if each of us will give an offering for this cause through our Sunday school as an expression of gratitude for our mothers—some of them of blessed memory—we will help largely in building an adequate place for our homeless children.

"Baltimore, A Good Place To Visit"

The Baptist women of Baltimore are busily making plans for the delegates and visitors who are going to be in our city from June 9 to 16, attending our W. M. U. and S. B. C. annual meetings. We know you will not want to miss this good time together if your budget can include it. Baltimore is a good place to visit, and we have put in our order for especially good weather for these dates!

Daytime or moonlight excursions down Chesapeake Bay or a trip to Annapolis Naval Academy would be a fitting vacation touch after the convention closes. A fine view of the city can be had from Washington Monument in historic old Mt. Vernon Place or from the tower of the Baltimore Trust Building. These could be visited between sessions. Many other points of interest will be pointed out on request to the Hospitality Committee.

We hope to do our part in welcoming you to Baltimore. Also we expect a fine fellowship and sharing of rich spiritual experience. This should be especially true of the services on Sunday, June 9.—Mrs. George F. Harvey, Co-chairman of Baltimore W. M. U. Publicity Committee.

As we approach Mother's Day we want to be preparing for the Special Offering on that day for our Orphanage.

We appreciate the fact that the proposed ten thousand dollar project will be a memorial chapel to honor the memory of our former Sunday school secretary, Mr. J. E. Byrd, who served our state faithfully and devotedly for thirty years.

We are all happy that the new buildings at the Orphanage are being erected and finished with no debt. Each building is needed and this par-

ticular one should stimulate us to do our best with our offerings in the many Sunday schools over the state this second Sunday in May. We can be helpful too by encouraging our children to make a self-denial offering through the Sunday school that day.

Let's make it the best Sunday school offering we have ever had.

Mrs. Ned Rice,
President of Miss. W.M.U.

Recognition of the following was made by a poster and pageant committee at State Convention:

Poem, entitled "Stewardship" by Pauline Pennington, Y. W. A. of First Baptist Church, Tupelo.

Playlet, entitled "Our Relation to God Through Stewardship" by Pauline Oleta Moore, Y. W. A. of the First Baptist Church, Tupelo, Miss.

Caixa 2655, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
My dear Miss Traylor:

I sincerely hope your work is progressing nicely and that you have had health, strength and courage for every task. The days are full for me. In December we held the Institute for summer W. M. U. field workers and we had ten days of work. I averaged eight hours per day with the girls and felt as limp as a dish rag when it was all over, but I do thank God for the privilege of helping prepare future workers. We have forty summer workers on the field now and we are receiving encouraging news from them. A letter came this morning from one couple in North Minas and they were so happy in their work with the women and children. They said there had been several decisions in each place as a result of their evangelistic talks. I know they are doing good work because they are two of our finest girls. Pearl Dunstan helped me every day during the Institute and was so fine. She came to Brazil, when she was one year old and knows the language better than many Brazilians, so she had the devotional every morning and a lot other work. In all there were ten missionaries and three Brazilians to help me out. I think I'll enclose a picture that we took on the afternoon of the closing exercise. The girls presented Pearl and me with some flowers and wanted us to have our picture made with them. Can you find us in the picture and don't you think we had a nice looking group of girls? There were 36 girls from six different states in the Institute. They are our future W. M. U. leaders, I hope. This picture was made on the girls' school campus and more or less in the spot where we hope to have the new Training School that the W. M. U. there will help us build one of these days.

Now I am busy getting ready for our annual Convention in Bahia. We'll leave next week and the report has taken a lot of our time this week, but I am glad to say that mine is now with the printer and will be ready in time.

It is now time to close and go to lunch, but I do want you to know that my sympathy and love are with you. May God bless in a very special way you and all members of the bereaved families.

Lovingly and sincerely,
Minnie L.

Collins, Miss., April 19, 1940

Dear Miss Robinson:

The Sunbeam Band of the Collins Baptist church met weekly during January, February and March of this year, with an average attendance of fifteen members. Each meeting was

conducted with the help of "World Comrades" (how I wish more space was given to Sunbeams) using their program material. We also observed Focus week.

We are working hard on our Standard of Excellence Chart, and our aim is to be one hundred per cent at the close of this year.

As Sunbeam leader, I can truthfully say, "Sunbeams are the most devoted and faithful of all young people."

Yours for bigger and better Sunbeam Bands,
Mrs. Ray Bullock,
Sunbeam Leader

Rev. H. D. Jordan, pastor of the Morton Baptist Church, recently delivered the commencement address for the Polkville High School.

All day meeting at Short Creek Church. On Sunday, May 12, there will be an all day service at Short Creek Church in Yazoo County. At 11 o'clock brother Speights, the pastor, will preach and at 2 p. m. Dr. A. A. Kitchens, pastor of Benton Baptist Church, will bring the message. There will be dinner on the ground and everyone is invited to be present.—J. T. Griffin.

Our church has just completed one of its best revival meetings. Dr. J. M. Dawson, First Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, did the preaching and Mr. E. C. Edwards of Houston, Miss., was in charge of the music. On every hand there were results of a good meeting. We had 46 people for membership to indicate visible results. 26 of these were for baptism. There was a more far reaching effect than visible results. Our church was deeply moved and it is our belief that the meeting will go a long way in helping us in kingdom activity in the future. We had great crowds and it was one of the best types of meetings our church has ever held—the quiet, penetrating Spirit. We are indeed indebted to Dr. Dawson and Mr. Edwards for the fine service and we commend them heartily to all.—N. D. Timmerman, Pastor, Clarksdale.

For several years many of our Sunday schools have made a special offering to our Baptist Orphanage on Mother's Day. There never was a time when the need was greater than now. Some buildings have been completed which were very much needed, but one building, J. E. Byrd Memorial Chapel is under construction but cannot be finished until more funds are furnished. This building is very much needed and if all of our Sunday schools will make a liberal offering on Mother's Day, May 12, this important structure can be finished and our boys and girls will be cared for in a fine way. These boys and girls have no one to look to for support but the Baptists of Mississippi. They are ours. I feel sure that we are going to do our best for them on May 12.—J. E. Sweany, Pres. State S. S. Convention.

Glendale, Forrest County: We are in the midst of our church Loyalty Crusade at Providence Church in Forrest County. Our church has shown a marked improvement in spite of unfavorable weather part of the time, in attendance, interest and offerings. Recently we had two hundred and five in attendance at the morning service. We are also having souls saved. We have about three or four now waiting baptism. I think we are now getting back on the right road in emphasizing loyalty to Christ and His program. We ordained three new deacons at Glendale February 25th. Those who were ordained were B. E. Turner, M. L. Watts and Forest Roberts. At this service we had about the largest crowd since our summer revival. We have also had several additions both by letter and for baptism. Sincerely,
L. C. Holcomb.

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AWAKE OR ASLEEP?

"What, could you not WATCH
with me for an hour?" This question,
asked of His followers two thousand
years ago, has not lost its meaning
yet, or has it? The question was
asked, and then the Lord said,
"watch and pray that you enter not
into temptation," (Matt. 26:40-41).

Let us remember that the tempta-
tion is still present, that led men
then into things which were dis-
pleasing to God. Already Jesus had
given them a parable in which He
said "while men slept the enemy
came and sowed TARES among the
wheat," (Matt. 13:25). I notice that
in an alarming degree we christian
people - pastors included - are yield-
ing to the temptation to sleep; in-
stances innumerable, of which I
shall mention only one.

Let us turn our attention back
to sacred history. In second Kings
the eleventh chapter and the sixth
verse we read, "watch over the house
that it be not broken down," and
then in second Chronicles the twenty
third chapter and the sixth verse,
"But let none come into the house
of the Lord, save the priests, and
they that minister of the Levites;
but ALL THE PEOPLE shall keep
the watch of the Lord." With all such
instructions and admonitions re-
peated over and over when the Lord
came He drove out the money
changers" and said, (Matt. 21-13),
"It is written, My house shall be call-
ed a house of prayer, but you have
made it a den of thieves." We are
made to be painfully conscious of
these things being still in our midst
by the current practice of churches
today, inviting radio comedians
to give programs of entertainment
in the house of the Lord, charging
admission as they would in a theatre,
thereby making of the house of the
Lord, even in this day, "a den of
thieves." "What," brother pastor,
"can you not watch with me for an
hour?" While He is depending upon
you to sow the good seed that shall
bring to the lost the much needed
Bread of Life, are you going to sleep
while the enemy comes and sows
the tares among that wheat which
you and others before you have
sown? Are you going to sleep while
the enemy breaks down the house?

Are you going to offer excuses of
raising some needed funds and thus
turn "the house of the Lord into a
den of thieves"?

The Lord is still asking that only
those who are priests - those who
have accepted the privilege of enter-
ing into His presence - enter the
house of the Lord, and that only
to pray and minister unto Him by
ministering to those who need Him.
Not pastors only, "but all the peo-
ple shall keep the watch of the
Lord."—C.C. Chance, Pastor.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION ORGANIZED AT NORTHWEST

After conferring with a delegation
of B.S.U. workers from Ile Miss,
who visited Senatobia for that pur-
pose, the Baptist students of North-
west Mississippi Junior College
voted unanimously to organize a
Baptist Student Union and the fol-
lowing officers were elected:

President, Miss Christine Carith-
ers, Tillatoba.
Enlistment Vice-President, Oscar
Johnston, Coffeeville.
Devotional Vice-President, Robert
Waller, Tutwiler.
Social Vice-President, Miss Ruth
Shaw, Holcomb.
Secretary, Miss Charlsie Brunson,
Charleston.
S. S. Representative, Ernest Free,
Vardaman.
B.T.U. Representative, Wayne
Cleveland, Sardis.
Musical Director Miss Imogene
Calk, Grenada.
Reporter, Owen Baird, Marks.
Faculty Advisory Committee, Miss
Camille Gregory, Miss Abby Hol-
comb and Prof. W. T. Douglas.
Pastor, Dr. H. L. Martin of First
Baptist Church.

The regular meeting of the B.S.U.
Council will be held each Tuesday
evening and a student prayer meet-
ing each Wednesday at 1 p. m., the
first of these being conducted by
the pastor, Dr. H. L. Martin. Both
the president and enlistment vice-
president attended the State B.S.U.
Spring Retreat at Louisville State
Park April 26-27. The work is be-
ginning in a most encouraging way,
and plans for the summer and for
the opening of the 1940-41 session
are being worked out by the Council.

The B.S.U. workers from Oxford
who assisted in the organization
meeting were Miss Marian Leaville,
student secretary, Perome Maxwell,
B.S.U. president, Miss Christine
Wright, Miss Lanelle Long, Miss
Ellen Byers and Robert Young, and
this group will revisit Senatobia
within the next few weeks to pre-
sent a B.S.U. program at the First
Baptist Church.

\$27,974.06 was contributed to the
Orphanage Building Program last
year. \$25,672.06 of this amount was
actually put into the erection of new
buildings, the remainder \$2,322.55
was used for the salary of Field
Representative which is \$1,500.00
and the balance of \$822.55 used for
Postage, payment on Auto and Trav-
el, General Expense Items, Insur-
ance on Car, and Office Expense. In
addition to the \$27,974.61 used on
new Buildings from the Building
Program Fund, \$4,073.75 was con-
tributed from the General Fund to
this cause.

CATCHINGS

We have practically completed the
new parsonage and are now in it.
It cost about \$3,500.00 and we have
an indebtedness on it of only \$1,000.
The low cost was made possible
by contributions of lumber and labor
by the members, from cutting the
timber to putting on the paint. All
helped from intermediate boys on up.
There are six rooms and two porches.
We thank our Heavenly Father for
the privilege of serving Him in this
part of His vineyard.

Our revival meeting which closed
April 12 resulted in a great awaken-
ing. Sixteen additions, ten by bap-
tism, with two others since the
meeting closed. It was our joy to
have Rev. J. N. Miller of Church
Point, Louisiana, as preacher, who
has been two years where he is. He
is a truly great preacher, pastor,
friend and helper. He is not emotion-
al but very forceful in presenting
God's word. He magnifies Christ.

We have welcomed seventy new
members in the past 14 months, forty
of them on profession of faith.
This truly is a great field, and we
urge the prayers of the brotherhood.
Yours in His service.
E. Y. Soileau.

The Orphanage received last year
for General Support and Building
Program \$52,128.41. This was the
total amount received for all the
work of the Orphanage from all
sources, Cooperative Program, Des-
ignated Gifts, Mother's Day,
Thanksgiving, Churches, Sunday
Schools, W. M. U.'s, B. T. U.'s,
Brotherhoods, individuals, many of
whom are friends of the Orphanage
but not members of our Denomina-
tion.

BETHANY, SUNFLOWER

March 24-April 12 brother E. D.
Estes was here in a revival meeting,
organizing the church with five
members, meeting closed with 37
members, ten coming by baptism.
We are happy in the results. Last
Sunday we had 61 in Sunday School.

We are grateful to Mississippi
Baptists for sending brother Estes,
a true gospel preacher; grateful
also too we had brother and sister
J. W. Sturdivant with us. He
preaches for us on the first and
third Sunday afternoons. We had a
good visit from Secretary D. A.
McCall in spite of the rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Hoffman.

We are now in a great simultane-
ous campaign in Knoxville—eighty-
three churches, Baptist and Metho-
dist are in this campaign, and hun-
dreds are being saved. I am with
the McCalla Avenue Baptist Church
for the third time, and we are hav-
ing a good meeting—people are be-
ing saved in every service. This
growing church of 1,000 members
is planning now to remodel the pres-
ent building, and build a modern
educational plant at once. Dr. T. C.
Wyatt is the efficient pastor, and
one of the most popular pastors in
Knoxville and East Tennessee. I. C.
Petree is leading the singing in a
great way.—T. C. Crume.

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CHARLESTON

The friends will rejoice with the
Charleston Church over the fine
Revival Meeting which has just
closed.

Dr. A. B. Wood the pastor at
Forest, did the preaching, bringing
strong messages twice daily. His
preaching is saturated with the
Christian love that he carries in his
heart and the Word goes out to
listening hearts with power. The
versatile co-worker Mr. Harry
Beckman of Owensboro, Kentucky
did fine work with the children as
well as directing the song services.
He illustrated his songs with crayon
in a very impressive way and added
much to the services. In his closing
service with the children there were
present one hundred and twenty-
five an increase of one hundred per
cent with which he began.

The results of the Meeting bear
testimony to its merit. There are
twenty-four for baptism and eight
additions by letter. the church mem-
bership is revived and altogether we
feel that we have had the blessings
of God upon us for two weeks in
this special effort.

The Baptist Orphanage adminis-
tered to the care, support and train-
ing of 216 boys and girls last year.
57 boys and girls were admitted to
the Orphanage and 52 went out from
the Orphanage.

According to the latest Southern
Baptist Hand Book there are 272-
281 Baptist in Mississippi. These
272,281 people contributed to the
Baptist Orphanage \$52,128.41 for
the year. This represents approxi-
mately \$.20 per year from each Bap-
tist. A gift of \$.20 from each Baptist
would have amounted to \$54,456.20
or a total of \$2,327.79 more than
was actually received.

We have often heard people say
"Everyone gives something to the
Baptist Orphanage." This is a
splendid statement, but there is just
one thing wrong with it. It isn't
true. We would be glad if every Bap-
tist Church, Sunday School, W.M.U.
and other departments of our work
would make a contribution to the
Orphanage. There are many who do
not. Better still, would be an offer-
ing from each person.

Lazy Insides Answer All Vegetable Call

You ought to know this easy way
to get relief when you're lazy in-
testinally and it has you headachy,
bilious, with sour stomach, no
energy.

A spicy, aromatic, all-vegetable
product taken by simple directions
at bedtime, usually allows time for
a good night's rest; acts gently,
thoroughly next morning.

BLACK-DRAUGHT'S satisfying
effectiveness is due to a splendid
combination of vegetable ingre-
dients, chief of them being an
"intestinal tonic-laxative," which
helps tone lazy bowel muscles.

Next time, try all-vegetable, time
tested BLACK-DRAUGHT. It's
economical too. 25 to 40 doses: 25c.

Sunday School Lesson

By L. Bracey Campbell

Lesson for May 5
HOW TO SEARCH FOR GOD
Isaiah 55

Introduction:

There is a sense in which this chapter is complete in itself. It is a complete prophetic call and appeal. There is a sense in which it is incomplete, and that is that you can not understand it away from its background and out of its connection. A full understanding of this chapter demands all that has preceded it. Chapter six records the history of the qualification of the prophet. Chapter 35 confronted a desert and prophesied a garden. Chapter 40 shows Jehovah active in providing an estate of happiness and in announcing this provision. Chapter 53 shows Jehovah incarnate, God in human flesh, passing through the wilderness of sorrow, over the desert of suffering, submitting in the darkness of death that He might give a song, yea, sing a song, in the hour of man's triumph, when, in the garden of God, He and His shall rejoice together. So the 55th chapter becomes the call which all that precedes has made possible and necessary. Without that which went before, this chapter would be unreasonable, inexplicable, illogical as the statement of people who console the wicked with such fool statements as that God will not forget their frame, and will excuse (they use the word "forgive") them, because He is love. God is grace. His provision of salvation proves it. God is love. His mediation to men of His gracious salvation proves it. Prove it do all His acts and provisions by which He makes it possible for sinful men to find Him, that He may be just and the justifier. But He is just. His abundant provision of a justification proves it. As no man has a right even the slightest to presume upon the softness of God in the indulgence of his love for sin, so this chapter in its gracious invitation hangs before the needy like a giant cluster of luscious grapes, grown out of a carefully watered and tended and well-pruned vine, before the grasp of the hand of a famishing man.

I. A World-Wide Summons to the Unsatisfied. Vs. 1, 2.

Here are the disillusioned. They have found all things which they have tried to fail. "Ho, every one," is the language. It is addressed to a wide world of disappointed, disillusioned, dissatisfied men. And the summons is "Come . . . come . . . come," three times over in the first verse. "Come" ye thirsty and hungry and exhausted. Drink water that your thirst may be quenched, eat, that your hunger may be appeased, drink wine and milk that your weary nerves may be revived. Of course this language is figurative.

What these disillusioned, disappointed, unsatisfied people need is God. Maybe He is not what they

want. I am positive that the drunkard's need is God, that the gambler's need is God, that the criminal's need is God. Speak of this need under whatever figure you please; say that men need a song, need food and raiment, need a home, need a friend, anything you please, and you are but setting forth under a faint figure their real and vital need—their need of God.

"That which is not bread." "But it is bread, you see. I had of the baker." But it is not the real bread whereof he that eateth shall no more hunger. The real bread is the Bread of Life. If you will hear the Lord, if you will hearken diligently unto Him, if you will follow on to know Him and to experience Him in the doing of His will, ye shall thereby and therein drink that which is refreshing, eat that which satisfies.

Blessed is the man who learns what it is of which he stands in such sore need. Blessed is the man who learns that his soul must find and feed of God, else he is never happy either in this or in the next world. But blessed is the man who having learned what his real need is sets about in God's appointed way to satisfy that need.

II. A Summons To Israel. Vs. 3-5.

Of course this summons is to the nation, but the nation is made up of individuals, so the summons is to each individual in the nation. We have here a backward look to the great king David. With him the Lord had long ago made a very significant covenant (II Samuel 7:13-16) wherein God had promised that He would establish the throne of David forever. This covenant contains what are called the "true," "sure" mercies of David. The fourth verse is speaking of David, but it is clear that it has an application beyond David to someone else, and the someone else is the king of the house and line of David to whom the throne of David is to descend and into whose strong, capable hands the scepter of David is to come and stay forever. He, the real abiding King, He the son of David, Son of Mary, Son of God, is "A witness to the peoples, a leader and commander to the peoples."

To Israel sounds the call to attention, "Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not," the heathen, with whom the Jews were not acquainted, for whom they had no regard, except that of contempt and hatred. These people afar off were to be called unto their Lord by the children of Israel. And many of those afar off shall run unto the house of the Lord.

III. The Individual Invitation to Seek the Lord. V. 6, 7.

"Seek ye." When? "While He may be found." Cometh there a time when He may not be found? It would seem so. "Call upon Him." When? "While He is near." Cometh there a time when He may be afar off? From the language it seems so. But "seek," "call," how is this to be done? Am I to take a light out into the darkened street at night, or am I to go out into the marsh by day, and seek the Lord? Am I to lift up my voice and call aloud that He may hear me? No! I am to seek and call in God's way.

How is that? "Let the wicked man forsake . . . and the unrighteous . . ."

(a) The wicked. I think this means one class of those who need God, and the class is the vicious and unrestrained, whose outrageous wickedness is constantly offending God. Well, what is that wicked man to do? "Forsake his way . . . and return unto the Lord." A man can't face the Lord's way while his hands are attached to the things that are evil, he can not face the light and the darkness at the same time. He can not begin a thing until he has quit what he was doing at the moment he began the new. He must "forsake" if he intends to return to the Lord. And that means to me that I must quit my meanness to begin His goodness. The sinner must stoy his deviltry if he is to engage in the work of God. He must drop his wickedness if he is to yield his hands to the grasp of God's hands.

(b) The moral man. He is the decent fellow. He stays for the most part sober. He commits no outrageous sin. He stays within the law of his country and state, he pays his debts, he withholds his hands from the things that are excessively wicked according to the standards of his community, and he places his trust in the fact of his goodness to "get him by" with God. You know him. He lives there not far from you. You speak to him of seeking the Lord and he replies that he has not done the Lord or his fellow-man any harm. He just goes along and does the best he can. And he has a very keen eye for the faults of others, especially for the faults of the members of the church. Ah, but he can point you out their inconsistencies. This man, this "unrighteous" man, this moral man stands in just as sore need of God as the wicked man does. This moral man is lost, completely so, eternally, and he needs to forsake his self-righteous thoughts, and "return unto Jehovah."

IV. The Result of Such Seeking.

V. 7.

The reward of such seeking was that the Lord Jehovah will "have mercy," and "will abundantly pardon." Of course He will. He has been preparing for that all along. He wants always to do that, and He has taken infinite care that He might be able to do it.

V. A Blessing Which Sets God Apart in His Goodness. Vs. 8-11.

Man would not do what God does. Man would not forgive the worst of sinners, especially if the sinner had committed his deed of wickedness against the man who was afterward to pass judgment upon him. "He wronged me. Let me once catch him on the hip and I'll feed fat the grudge I bear him." That is the way I think and you, that is the way that I would naturally act, and you. But not so with God! He freely forgives all those who come in true repentance unto Him.

"Well, how does He manage to do it? How can He forget the wickedness of men who make a mock of His word, and do wickedly before His very face?" Answer. "My thoughts are not your thoughts." "I am not like you, full of spite and malice. When brave men sheath the

sword, the battle is over. When men surrender to me, I blot out their sins. I am not like you. My thoughts and ways are higher than your thoughts and ways."

—BR—

LINDEN, TEXAS

The First Baptist Church of Linden, Texas, has just closed one of the best revivals in the history of the church. There were some professions and additions to the church, and neighboring churches. Thirty-nine of the above were baptized. Dr. P. F. Squyres, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Tex., did an excellent job of the preaching. Mr. Frank E. Adams of Pargould, Ark., led the singing in a fine manner as it has ever been done in this section. These men are a fine pair to have. The church and the entire city of Linden was revived and left rejoicing in new experiences as these brethren left to after a high hour to close on Sunday night, April 21. The attendance was unprecedented in Linden. The morning attendance averaged around 350. Jesse G. Cooke is the proud pastor of this fine church in East Texas.

Jesse G. Cooke, Pastor.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN

National Alumnae Association of Blue Mountain College will convene here in its annual meeting May 14.—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, president of the association, will preside. Invitations have been sent to former students of the college in 46 states and several foreign countries. Mrs. David E. Guyton is chairman of the local committee on arrangements and welcome.

A feature of this year's meeting will be the dedication of Henry Broach Hall, recently completed religious activities building. Plans will be made for the home-coming Nov. 16 in honor of "Mother" Berry's 90th birthday. In the afternoon class reunions will be held.

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Vacation

One of the vacation months is the vacation of our work. These schools are girls from 4 to 12. The arrangement groups is the Sunday school with day school with involved. That is, Primary, Intermediate department.

The growth has been remarkable four or five years boys and girls a national hours of full worship channel of vacation the time for teaching is so short at this opportunity the plus during.

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Thursday, May 2, 1940

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY
JOHN A. FARMER, ASSOCIATE
MISS RUBY TAYLOR, ELEMENTARY SEC.

Vacation Bible Schools

One of the very important phases of our work during the summer months is the Vacation Bible schools. These schools are for the boys and girls from 4 to 16 years of age. The arrangement of these into groups is the same as in the Sunday school with the same years involved. That is, there are the Beginner, Primary, Junior, Intermediate departments, or age groups.

The growth in these schools has been remarkable within the last four or five years. Thousands of our boys and girls are given many additional hours of Bible study and helpful worship features through the channel of vacation schools. Since the time for teaching them the Bible is so short, we should rejoice at this opportunity to give them the plus during the vacation time.

Another most important part of it all is that these schools have proven their worth in all types of churches. Last year the majority of our schools were in the smaller churches, in the rural districts and the small towns and villages.

Now is the time to plan for your school. Mississippi was one of four states in the South last year that had as many as 100 schools more than the previous year. We want to go far beyond that this time in making provision for helping our boys and girls.

Set the time of your school. Enlist the principal and other teachers. Order the books and give them to the teachers so that they will have time to make preparation for the best school. All these books can be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. Free material for promotional purposes can be secured from the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. Plan now for your school.

Standard Schools

Crystal Springs and Center Terrace, Canton, have joined the ranks of schools meeting the Standard for 1940 since the entire list was published in this column recently. There are others ready to send in their applications, but have waited for the final check-up to do so.

Get these to us right away, so that your workers may know that they have reached this fine program and may be encouraged in the attainment of this worthy goal.

The week of May 5-12 is set apart this year as Christian Home Week. The Sunday School and Training Union forces are cooperating in the promotion of the observance of this week. The aim of this week is to put special emphasis on the place and ministry of the Christian Home in our whole Christian educational program.

A special leaflet has been prepared by the Sunday school and Training Union forces of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., for this week. Order as many of them as you can use for your school.

A CALL TO SERVICE By William Hall Preston

This challenging slogan, accompanying a beautiful Christian flag on an attractive red, white and blue poster, is being displayed on campuses and in churches at college centers. It calls college youth to voluntary service this coming summer. Literally thousands of the potential Baptist army of 125,000 students in training will respond, giving of their time and talent in their home churches, district associations, and in the organized mission work within their home states.

The response of college students and those who have recently graduated to the growing need has gratified those who have been leading in the Five Year Promotional program of the Baptist Sunday School Board and the State Mission Board.

With the Southwide Baptist Student Retreat at Ridgcrest scheduled later this year (June 19-27) an opportunity will be afforded many to have a part in their home church Vacation Bible schools early in June. Any consecrated student can be used somewhere in this ministry to younger folks.

Pastors and superintendents will do well to enlist many as substitute teachers and Sunday school workers for the summer months in the Cradle Roll, the Extension, and other departments. Training Union directors and mission study leaders will find them able, willing and ready to take their places as followers or as leaders.

On each campus the Baptist Student Union has distributed Enlistment cards to be signed by students, volunteering to do work in the home church or the district association. Many associational leaders are requesting these enthusiastic, energetic, efficient, eternally hopeful young people who love the Lord, to do various kinds of extension and missionary work in their own and nearby associations.

The need is the call to youth, who today as ever is saying, "Use me or lose me."

—BR—

The Baptist people of Mississippi provide a home, food, clothing, medical, surgical, dental care and Hospital service for more than 200 children annually. They attend the Public School at the Orphanage in their own school building where five teachers are employed, and when it comes to a High School education every child of the Home has the same school advantages of any other child of the City as they attend the High School in Jackson where they are given free tuition. There is a good Sunday School and B. T. U. together with R. A.'s, G. A.'s and Y. W. A.'s in the Home and all attend the morning worship service of the Davis Memorial Baptist Church. Devotional services are conducted in each building every night. While looking after their physical and mental needs we are also trying to guide them spiritually. To develop pride, ambition, appreciation and a wholesome outlook on life is a more difficult task to perform than just supplying the physical necessities of life.

OUR CHILDREN

Sometimes I go out and have a meal at the Baptist Orphanage because I like the children (and I like the food). Sometimes Mr. and Mrs. Mize are there and sometimes not, but I have a nice time every time.

Maybe someone will wonder how I could enjoy "snooping around" the Orphanage when the bosses are out—a kind of "self-invited" guest! It all started by accident. One Easter Sunday I was really invited and Mrs. Mize assigned me a place at the table of their high school boys. The boys were pleasant and hospitable, so I tried to measure up to the standards of a pleasing guest by telling them a story, at which they laughed so much that Mr. Mize's curiosity was excited, so he sent a little waitress to request me to tell it to everybody.

Since then, every time I go out, we have a story-telling. It is enough to renew one's youth (if the storyteller is not too old).

Then one always feels a welcome when greeted by Mrs. Huffman, the dietician, Mr. and Mrs. King at the big boys' building, Mrs. McGehee, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Brister, Mrs. Taylor and Miss Price and Miss Rhyne at the other buildings. Every trip will make you value the Orphanage more.

Let all of us who appreciate our mothers make a good offering on Mother's Day, to help to complete this good work already begun.

Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

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A TRIBUTE TO MRS. JESSIE F. ROBERTSON

A tribute to Mrs. Jessie F. Robertson life-long member of the Seminary Woman's Missionary Union.

God in His infinite wisdom and love has called home to her reward

our dear sister, Mrs. Katie Laird Robertson.

On the afternoon of February 29, 1940, after a brief illness, her beautiful spirit winged its flight from earth into the land of heavenly bliss.

Mrs. Robertson was a devoted wife and mother. She was a faithful and loyal member of the Seminary Baptist Church and W. M. S. through which she rendered beautiful and sacrificial service for her Master.

During her long years of service she touched and enriched the lives of scores of others, many who still live to revere and bless her sainted memory.

The entire membership of our W. M. S. feel deeply the loss which we have sustained and desire to express to her family our love, respect and esteem.

We therefore express officially our sentiments, and request that a copy of this tribute be placed on the minutes of our W. M. S., that a copy be sent to our Baptist Record and one to each member of her family to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. W. L. Memeter

Mrs. W. T. Aultman

Mrs. A. L. Andrews

Committee

—BR—

Highland Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, has just passed the 2,000 mark in net membership. Dr. John Caylor, pastor has welcomed 1,900 new members in the six and a half years of his pastorate. Dr. Kyle M. Yates is preaching in a revival at Highland Church May 5-12. —L. B., Sec.

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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear children:

Sunday, May the twelfth, is Mother's Day. Most of you will be thinking and planning how you may show your mothers in a special way on that day, how much you love her. To do so will bring both of you joy.

While you are happy in the love of your mother I want to remind you of the one hundred sixty-five children who are deprived of the care of both mothers and fathers and who are looking to the Baptists of Mississippi to provide for them. Of course, you know that I'm speaking of our children in the Baptist Orphanage; and who are the Baptists of Mississippi but you and me and others like us? It is the hope of the superintendent and the trustees that enough may be sent in free-will offerings on Mother's Day to complete the J. E. Byrd Memorial chapel which is now being erected. It will take \$10,000.00 to finish this building and an urgent appeal is being sent all over our state for gifts that will make it possible to complete this good work which has been well begun. Now, maybe, you can't send \$10,000.00, and neither can I, but we can send nickels, and dimes, and quarters, and dollars; and if enough answer this way, that \$10,000.00 will come rolling in. I'd like for the Children's Circle to have a share in this, so if you care to send your offering through the Children's Circle just mark it for "J. E. Byrd Memorial Chapel," and it will make me happy to send your gift to Mr. Mize for that purpose.

Certainly, during this special Mother's Day campaign you will not let Miss Annie Laurie feel neglected, but will remember her when you send your gift.

We have a bunch of delightful letters from the children at the orphanage. Next week I hope to give you some of these.

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

Pickens, Miss.,
April 19, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed please find one dollar to be used where it is needed most. From one who enjoys the children's page very much.

Friend, this is a delightful way to express your interest. Thank you very much. We hope you may continue to like the circle.—F.L.S.

Gloster, Miss.,
April 19, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is the first time I have had a time to write for the Sunday school. We are sending our first dollar to you for Mother's Day offering. We ask that you give this dollar to the J. E. Byrd Memorial. We are trying to help out in every way we can. We are a big Sunday school class. I am in the Junior department and I am 12 years old. I am in the fifth grade at school. I have a lot of friends. They are all very nice to me. My teacher in Sunday school is Mrs. Tabor. I will close now. I hope that this dollar will go where we want it to go most.

Yours very truly,

Junior Department,
Leona Waymire.

Leona, we are glad to have this letter from a pupil in your department. We already know that is an extra fine department. We are grateful for this gift and you may be sure that it will go as you wish.—F.L.S.

Morton, Miss.,
April 19, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write the

circle. I will try not to make my letter too long. I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to school at Morton Grammar School. I am in the sixth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Julia Cooper. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. Our church is in sight of my home. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Bessie Posey. Our pastor is Rev. Mack Hughes. I am sending 10 cents to the orphans.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Jean Raspberry.

I believe that the Children's Circle has several friends in and near Morton, Barbara Jean. We are happy to welcome you and appreciate very much this gift for the orphanage.—F.L.S.

Morton, Miss.,
Rt. 1, Box 113,
April 19, 1940

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I read the Children's Circle when I think of it. My father reads the Baptist Record lots. I am a little girl of eleven and will be twelve next July 19. I enjoy my school months very much. I like my school teacher and Sunday school teacher. I am the president of our class in Sunday school. I have a brother named John David Cooper; he is younger than I. The thing I like best to do is have a sword drill. Nearly every day I ask my mother to have a sword drill and she does except when she is very busy. The roses are very beautiful here at my house and all the other flowers that are blooming. My father stays sick most of the time and can't fix his crop like he wants to. I have a hen with eleven little chickens. They are six days old and I haven't lost any. I also have a cow and a baby calf. I hope this isn't too long.

Your friend,

Daisy Lucille Cooper.

This is a very interesting letter which you send, Lucille. Those sword drills will be a great help to you in the use of the Bible. Those chicks are probably putting out some feathers now, aren't they? I hope they all live.—F.L.S.

Slate Springs, Miss.,
April 19, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Just thought since it was raining I would write to the Children's Circle. I have just finished reading it. School has been out about three weeks here. We all passed.

Spring has come, but it is still cool up here. We had a freeze here a few days ago, but while it was warm the woods were so pretty. The dogwood and redbud were in bloom. I noticed some wild flowers and violets in the woods.

Your friend,

Mary Sue Doler

And now the trees are full of leaves and there are more flowers than ever. When it rains in April, we should remember that "April showers bring May flowers."—F. L. S.

Slate Springs, Miss.,
April 19, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am eight years old and in the fourth grade. My teacher was Miss Sweet. My Sunday school teacher is Miss Ila Ree Odom. My birthday is June 14th. I have a little brother ten months old. His name is Billie Edward.

Your new friend,

Paul Myron Doler

Paul, what are you going to do this summer? Swim and fish and play with the baby?—F.L.S.

Shaw, Miss.,
April 22, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am writing for my Sunday school class and we hope to see our letter in print.

I go to Interstate Chapel Baptist Church. Our pastor's name is brother Haynes Brinkley. I go to Sunday school every Sunday and like my teacher very much. My teacher's name is Mrs. D. C. Crawford.

Your friend,

Johnnie McClure

Welcome to the circle, class! We are glad to hear from each one of you, and appreciate Johnnie's writing for you.—F.L.S.

Lexington, Miss.,
April 20, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am eight years old and in the second grade. Mrs. Miles is my school teacher. I go to Sunday school and church every Sunday I can. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Tate. I have taken music for two years and I like it very much. I am sending 20 cents for the orphanage. I enjoy the Children's Circle very much. We have five more weeks of school.

Your friend,

Barbara Nabors.

Keep up that music, Barbara, and no telling what a fine musician you may become. Thank you for this offering and your interest in the orphanage. Your second note came in good time. Thanks.—F.L.S.

Rural Route No. 3,
Sumrall, Miss.,
April 20, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my second time to write to the Children's Circle. I read the Baptist Record every Friday. I like it very much. I hope my letter misses the waste basket. I go to school at Victory. My teacher is Miss Ladiner. I like her very much. I am enclosing five cents to be used where needed most.

Yours truly,

Shirley Stringer.

Shirley, I'm placing your gift on our scholarship fund for Miss Annie Laurie McLellan at the Baptist Bible Institute. Now you'll be glad to know that you are helping a fine young woman prepare herself for Christian work. We thank you very much.—F.L.S.

Taylor, Miss.,
April 23, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write in the Children's Circle. I enjoy reading the letters very much. I am a little girl nine years old and in the fifth grade. I go to Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Sunday School every Sunday. Our pastor is brother Crumby. I am sending a dime for the orphans.

With love,

Marvey Austin

Marvel, are you kin to our friend, Mrs. M. G. Austin from Taylor? Your gift for the orphanage is very much appreciated.—F.L.S.

Cleveland, Miss.,
April 24, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

My mother has just finished reading me the Children's Circle and I surely do enjoy the circle every week. I am a little boy eight years old and in the third grade. I go to the demonstration school at Delta State Teacher's College, and I go to Sunday school every Sunday.

This is my first time to write you. I hope you will have room to print this. I am sending you ten cents for the orphans. God bless you in your work.

Your little friend,

Robert Franks

Robert, we enjoy getting letters from little boys like you, and we are grateful for the ten cents for the orphanage. We do hope you'll write again.—F.L.S.

Drew, Miss.,
April 23, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I guess you wonder why I have waited so long to write you, as you know that we do enjoy your page the Bible study, and the letters from the children over the state.

I do appreciate your thanking many friends for sending reading material to the inmates of the Mississippi State Penitentiary. Friends from Drew, Indianola, Sunflower, Sumner, New Hebron, Jackson, Sardis, Memphis, Tenn., Philadelphia Islands and other places have remembered us since I wrote you last. But I would like to remind the good people of Mississippi that we need more reading matter and school song books. Popular songs that the young people may have tired of would be appreciated. As schools are closing, maybe some might send us school books or dictionaries.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Irene Brewer

You have our good wishes in your work, Mrs. Brewer.—F.L.S.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL, 1940

Special to Orphanage:

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Vera Ann Pounders	\$1.00
Hazel Byrd	1.00
Eudora Brown	1.00
Margaret Price	1.00
Bertie Lee Lippe	1.00
"True Blue Girls" Class, Enterprise S. S.	1.00
Musical Tea Guest	1.00
John Hassell James	1.00
H'Lo Crawford	1.00
Dorothy Humphrey	1.00
Peggy Louise O'Neal	1.00
Mrs. C. A. P.	1.00
Clinette Sanders	1.00
Addee Lucy Stegall	1.00
Roxie Griffin	1.00
Shirley Stringer	1.00
"One Who Enjoys C. C."	1.00
F. L. S.	1.00

Total.....\$18.00

Special to Crippled Children:

Mrs. C. A. P.	\$1.00
Grand Total Received	\$33.00
Disbursed:	
Check to Mr. W. G. Mize for Orphanage	\$25.00
Check to Dr. W. W. Hamilton for B. B. I. scholarship	6.00
Check to Crippled Children	1.00

Total.....\$33.00

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ITTA BENA TRAINING UNION PROFITS BY LOYALTY CAMPAIGN

Mrs. W. R. Storie, Intermediate Leader in the Training Union at Itta Bena reports a wonderful gain in interest and attendance in the Training Union there as a result of the Loyalty Campaign the church has recently put on. They have nearly doubled their attendance and within the last few months have had two training schools having four classes in each instance, one each for Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, and Adults. We are glad to have this encouraging work from one of our good delta churches.

UNION ASSOCIATION REPORTS PROGRESS

Thanks to Mrs. J. W. Cook, Associational Training Union Director for Union Association, for a good report of their work. Their last meeting was held at Unity church the fifth Sunday in March with a good attendance and helpful program with plans being made for the future. A new Training Union at Hermanville is reported and the Beech Grove church has visited this newly organized union to give a demonstration program. The Union Church Intermediates report a good study course recently using the book The Meaning of Church Membership as the text. Congratulations Union, you may be the next to report a union in every church in the association. That is our goal for every association.

SOUELOVIE CLARKE COUNTY ORGANIZES

We are happy to report two union recently organized in the Souenlovie church, Clarke County, Mississippi. Mabel Nix, the secretary reports this new work. An Intermediate with about fifteen members and a Junior with ten members is the start. Congratulations young people. Your church is making an effort to carry out that part of the Great Commission, and may you receive a great blessing as you train in Church Membership.

MACON ELECTS NEW

We take pleasure in adding to our list of directors, Mr. O. L. Priest of Macon. His associate is John Gates, and Mrs. C. C. Clark has been elected as leader of the younger Juniors. They are in a Training School with enlargement as a part of their goals for the week. Rev. R. D. Pearson, the much beloved pastor is truly interested in winning souls, and in saving lives for service. The truly evangelistic church undertakes to save the life as well as the soul of the individual.

TALLEHATCHIE ASSOCIATION- AL TRAINING UNION MAKES PROGRESS

A letter from one of the Group

Directors of Tallehatchie Association, Mrs. E. H. McElroy of Charleston, reports progress in her group of churches. They have their group meeting each quarter and the last meeting they had 70 in attendance. The meeting was held at Spring Hill church. Their plan is to meet in churches that do not have a Training Union, with the idea of creating an interest and getting the work started. Spring Hill church is a small, but good church, and even though there are but few prospects they are organizing one union with the groups made up of the different ages, that is they will have one group for the Juniors, one for the Intermediates, one for the Young People, and one for the Adults. Each group will use their own quarterly and therefore can study their own lesson, have the memory work, sword drills, etc. This is an ideal plan for a very small situation. In those a little larger two unions can be set up with two groups each, each using their own quarterlies. Congratulations Tallehatchie, and Spring Hill.

A NEW UNION AT WAKE FOREST CHURCH

Wake Forest church in Oktibbeha County, has recently organized a Training Union with three unions Adult, Young Peoples, and Intermediate. Mr. Lee Kitchens is the director, and Rev. C. S. Mullins the pastor. We are indebted to Brother Berton McGee for reporting this new work, and wish for them a great blessing that each member may be a larger blessing to his community and the world.

UNION ELECTS GENERAL OFFICERS

We are happy to add the name of Mr. E. C. Cooper to our list of directors. He has recently been elected to the office of Training Union Director of the Union Church. Mr. Cooper is, and has been for several years, director of the Associational Training Union, and adding this new responsibility but proves his interest and loyalty. Mr. Lester White was elected Associate Director, and begins his work in earnest. As Chairman of the extension, or enlargement committee he will find a big challenge as he organizes to enlist all the church members in the Training Union. Brother Lawrence B. Cobb, pastor of the church, is backing these men with his interest and cooperation.

YAZOO COUNTY HAS 200 AT LAST MEETING

Mrs. Ward, director, and Mrs. Netherland, secretary of the Yazoo County Associational Training Union are happy over the results of their last associational meeting. There were two hundred present which is the largest attendance in the history of the organization. The

meeting was held at Short Creek with D. I. Young, Jr., leading the singing. The devotional was conducted by D. I. Young, Sr., Special music by Young Garrard, Reading by Vernon Rowe Netherland, Reports by the officers attending the Meridian Conference, and inspirational messages by Mr. Ike Blain and Rev. A. S. Johnston. Ogden won the attendance banner, Eden Juniors, Yazoo City Adults, and Yazoo City Juniors ties for the efficiency banner.

Congratulations to Mt. Vernon church Columbus Association on the election to the office of Training Union Director, Mrs. Hubert Williamson. Mrs. Williamson in reporting on their work asks for wall size copies of the standard of excellence for each union saying that they are setting as their goal the A-1 rating for each individual union. That is a worthy aim, and why should not every union strive for it—the best!

Mrs. Fred Allen comes to Mississippi, and to Columbus from Alabama. We welcome her and already she has been elected as the Training Union Director of East End Baptist Church in Columbus.

If interested in going to Ridgecrest on the Mississippi Bus, drop us a card. Write to Mr. Earl Clark Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. Our bus will leave Jackson the afternoon of July 28. Ten full days of wonderful experiences at a minimum expense of \$22.00.

An offering from every Church, Sunday School, W. M. S., B. T. U. and Brotherhood will enable the Baptist Orphanage to complete the present building under construction, namely; The Dining Room and Kitchen, Administrative Offices, J. E. Byrd Chapel.

INSTALLATION OF B. S. U. OFFICERS, M. W. C.

The installation of the new B.S.U. officers of the Mississippi Woman's College B.S.U. Council was held at Immanuel Baptist Church in a very effective and challenging manner. Each girl was inspired with new zeal and determination as she was made to realize the responsibility that was being passed on by the outgoing council. She was urged to keep the light shining on the campus as she lived in close fellowship with God.

The challenge was accepted by the new council, and the B.S.U. President, Myrtis Foster, spoke in behalf of the council, expressing appreciation and recognition of the task that the council had been entrusted with. Cleo White, Reporter.

During the first week of the recent Knox County, Tennessee, simultaneous evangelistic meetings, the First Church, Knoxville, received forty-eight by baptism and fifteen by letter. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell of the Home Board was preaching in the First Church as well as directing the cooperative work in forty-two cooperating churches. He was also preaching daily over the radio, in a downtown theatre, and on the streets. Full results of the entire campaign will be reported later.

S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE		
Jackson, First	1102	270
Jackson, Griffith	809	410
Jackson, Davis	236	117
Jackson, Van Winkle	121	65
Bethlehem (Jones)	134	90
Pascagoula	321	141
New Albany	451	103
Springfield (Morton)	119	
Pace	97	60
Sylvarena	52	33
Unity (Green)	83	
Vicksburg, First	579	179
Bethel No. 3	121	
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Concord	85	
Sturgis	73	36
Eupora	112	
Baldwyn	178	
Pelahatchie	76	
Rienzi	45	
Double Springs	82	
Cross Roads	98	
Clarksdale	560	174
Picayune Church	385	77
" Brotherhood		23
Bay Springs	133	
Columbus	600	202
Clinton	420	
Beaumont	21	
Eden	34	26
West Laurel	654	252
Meridian, First	644	
" 41st Ave.	254	
" 8th Ave.	269	
" S. Side	301	
" Highland	253	
" Oak Grove	122	
" P. Springs	120	
" 15th Ave.	290	
Crystal Springs	330	111
Sardis	150	61

If 272,281 Mississippi Baptists would contribute \$1.00 each per year to the Orphanage this would amount to \$272,281.00 instead of \$52,128.41 which was actually contributed.

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MINISTERS IN THE SICK ROOM

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The pastor should be early impressed with the value of the opportunity which sickness and sorrow among his people afford him of being not only a means of consolation, but of spiritual benefit to them. The sick man is a prisoner shut up in his room, humbled by the feeling of need and perhaps in fear of death. The pastor in visiting must have the purpose and aim, to point the soul to God—if a good man, to console and encourage him; if an impenitent man, to lead him to true repentance. He should approach the sick-bed completely dependent upon God. No flowery words will heal the soul. The Great Physician is the only one who can heal both mind and body. Take a poor man with an incurable cancer. Who is to bring him comfort other than a messenger of God?

There is a vast deal of real misery in the world and the ministers of are appointed to heal and lessen it.

It is never well to put off a visit upon a sick person, or to delay so long that it looks like there is danger of death and give the appearance the visit was compulsory. When a pastor learns that one of his people is very ill, he should go at once to see them without waiting to be sent for. The visit should be timid so that the patient will not think it an extraordinary call and become alarmed or excited.

If the patient is quite weak or dying, sometimes all that one can do is to ask, solemnly and affectionately, some very brief question in regard to the state of the soul, and the hope of experiences, or to speak some comforting text of Scripture. In visiting the sick, it is often well for the pastor to read from the Bible an appropriate inspiring passage for the Bible never sounds so sweet or divine as in the sick room.

Should one be speaking to a hardened and wicked man it would be different from what he would speak to an ordinarily correct man, but to both, firmly, but kindly. Wisdom is needed. What one says at such a time should be full of Christ. As Christ is the one to be set up as a source of rest and comfort.

Even the believer in Christ, in his hours of sickness, often needs encouragement. The pastor should not go into the sick room as into a hospital with a fixed smile. He should go there to carry comfort and life.

How far the minister should ask for confession of sin is an interesting yet difficult question. Great delicacy, judgment, and conscientiousness should be used. Sometimes it is good for a burdened soul to make a confession to man. The apostle James says, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another that ye may be healed." Even then the confession is not made to man so much as to God. We know that God alone can hear and forgive sins.

The sick-room and dying-bed of the Christian is the anti-chamber of heaven, where the pastor may learn

more, and see deeper into heavenly things. How great is the privilege to be permitted to stand by and see the glory and the love of God. Thousands and millions have overcome the fear of death through Christ strengthening them.

An English clergyman gives his testimony to the fact that sick and dying persons are often more conscious of what is going on about them than we are aware of. He relates two or three actual instances of apparently unconscious and dying persons hearing perfectly the prayers repeated by their bedsides, and profiting by them to the good of their souls, as they have testified on partial recovery. The writer adds "Acting upon this conviction, I never lose an opportunity of praying by the bedside of the sick, even when the patient is himself unconscious; and not only in my form of expression do I pray for, but pray with the sufferer." Joubert says, "The soul is ever fully alive. It is so in the sick, in those who have fainted, and in the dying—still more so in the dead."

The pastor should not neglect the convalescent, but should continue to visit them faithfully during all the period of their recovery; for in this he shows true friendship and not the pressure of professional obligation.

One should make a definite preparation for the visitation of the sick. He should mark the passages of Scripture to be read, and think over the remarks he will make so that they may be plain and easy to understand, and yet full of the solid truth. There is, however, a simple secret which a pastor learns usually after long experience, and this secret is that he is not called upon to furnish all the feeling, but rather to guide and regulate it. He need not exhaust himself trying to provide artificial emotions, but a few words of Christian sympathy, such as a true pastor will have at his command, are sufficient to touch the overcharged spring in the heart of the afflicted, and it will find relief in its own expression and flow.

H. C. CAIN

March 2nd H. C. Cain, 79, of Houston, Texas, died. He was born in Little Springs, Miss., and educated at Mississippi A. & M. He moved to Texas in 1887, where he engaged in the cattle business, retiring in 1921. At the time of his death he was a deacon and president of the Gideon Bible class at South Main Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Winnie May Reed, Mrs. J. W. Conway, Mrs. J. S. Woods; one son, V. H. Cain, and ten grandchildren, all of Houston; one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Laird of Natchez, Miss.; one half-sister, Mrs. Erie Cotton of McCall Creek; three brothers, Dr. J. I. Cain of McCall Creek, H. H. Cain, Jackson, Miss., and D. B. Cain, Yoakum, Texas.

Re-ces-sion, n.—A period in which you tighten up your belt.

De-pres-sion, n.—A period in which you have no belt to tighten.

Pan-ic, n.—A period which you have no pants to hold up.



REV. B. S. HILBUN

Pastor Centerville, Pine Grove and Sand Hill in Jones County and Sanford in Covington County

REV. B. S. HILBUN LEADS FIELD TO ADOPT EF PLAN

Among several pastors in Mississippi who have led their entire field of churches to adopt the EF plan is Rev. B. S. Hilbun of Soso.

Pastor Hilbun was educated at Jones County Agricultural School, Mississippi College and the Baptist Bible Institute. He is a Th.M. graduate of B. B. I.

Among his former pastorates are Emmanuel, New Orleans; Springer and Las Vegas, New Mexico; Ellisville, Mt. Oral, Harmony, Friendship, Summerland, Soso, Pleasant Ridge, Fairfield, Indian Springs, and Sumrall.

He is now pastor of Centerville (Jones County), Pine Grove, Sand Hill, and Sanford.

Centerville church was organized by Rev. D. W. Moulder in 1915 when he held a meeting resulting in 45 additions. Among preachers sent out by this church are S. P. Powell, D. B. Powell, B. B. Hilbun, S. E. Nix, D. W. Nix and B. S. Hilbun.

Among former pastors are J. A. Johnson, A. A. Bryant, D. W. Moulder, S. E. Eumrall, Lowrey Compere, W. E. Helen, and J. W. Fagan.

Pine Grove church was organized with six members in 1891 and now has a membership of 250. For eight years they have maintained half time preaching.

Sand Hill though small in membership and without a building is making progress and now is planning for a building. Organized in 1938 with 19 members the number has now grown to 38.

Sanford in Covington County was organized in 1896 under the leadership of Rev. J. L. Finley. In years past this church has suffered because of divisions but older members now declare the spiritual condition to be the best in the history of the church.

We recently visited each of these churches and after presenting the EF plan Pastor Hilbun told the church that he believed in the EF plan and hoped the church would adopt it. They did. What pastor Hilbun has done in leading his whole field to adopt the EF plan other pastors can do IF.

PASCAGOULA, MISS.

The Woman's Missionary Union of First Baptist Church, Pascagoula, Miss., has completed its work for the first quarter of the year 1940.

Mrs. J. H. Colle is our very efficient president, succeeding Mrs. J. W. Brumfield who just retired, after two years of most successful work in our W. M. U. We are looking forward to ever greater heights of usefulness.

We are striving for an A-1 Union. At present the organization sponsors the following auxiliaries: Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate G. A. and Y. W. A. and are hoping to perfect an R. A. band for our boys in the near future.

Having gained 27 new members during the first quarter of the year thus making a total of 127 active members. We observed both weeks of prayer with a good attendance, and our offerings went beyond our goal.

Recently the Union was divided into eight circles, all doing very effective work. We are studying at present three books, namely: "Parables of Jesus," "Prayer," and "The Way of Missionary Education." Also at the executive meetings the New Why and How of W. M. U. is being taught.

Our church has adopted the unified budget, so we have discarded the "old pot and pan" financing plan. Now we are supporting our program on the New Testament plan by the giving of "tithes and offerings." The Lord is richly blessing the church. God be praised for His presence.

Our pastor, Rev. W. L. Day is leading his people in a great way. The field is larger and workers are needed. We covet the prayers of all of God's people in our work on this Mississippi coast.

Mrs. T. W. Hudson

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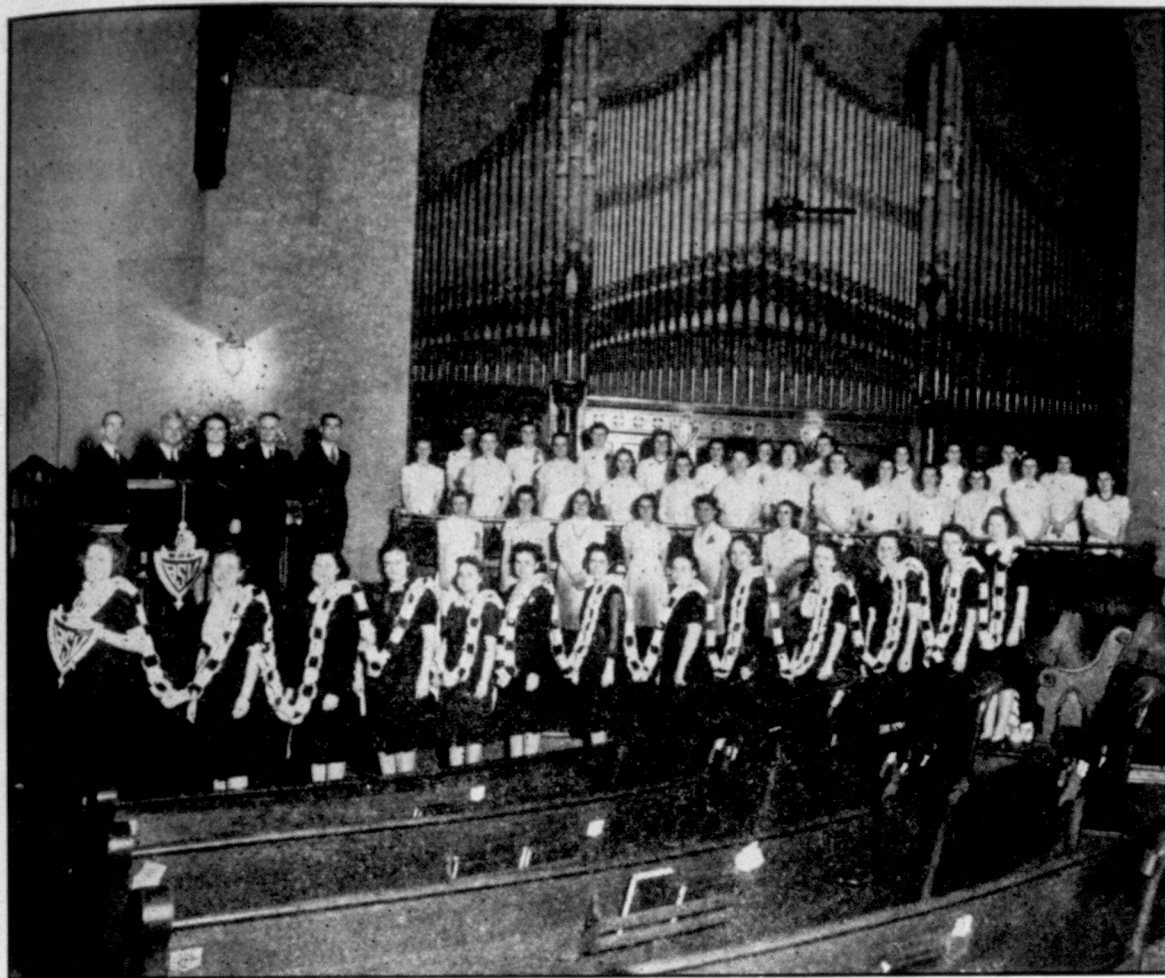
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The B. S. U. Council of M. S. C. W. held an inspiring installation service at First Church, Columbus, recently. The present council passed to the new council an unbroken chain. At the same time a challenge "Are Ye Able" was thrown out and accepted. Reading from left to right in the group of four: Dr. N. B. Armstrong, Faculty Advisor, Rev. D. A. McCall, delivered installation address, Miss Rhobia Taylor, student secretary, Dr. J. D. Franks, pastor, Mr. Cleo Harris, president of B. S. U. in Mississippi, Clinton, Miss., Reading from left to right front row with choir (retiring cabinet), Julia Herring, '40, Winona, president, Maxine McKinnon, '40 Coldwater, first vice president, Virginia Mason, '40 Brookhaven, secretary, Mary Nell Waller, '40 Silver Creek, Y. W. A. president, Beulah Moss, '40, Margaret Longino, '40 Silver Creek, Director of music, Lillian Hull, '40 Columbus, librarian, Lou S. Ewing, '40 Gloster, superintendent of Sunday school, Wilma Backstrom, '40 Columbus, second vice president, Carolyn Eubanks, '40 Sallis, third vice president, Louise Brooks, '40 Water Valley, reporter, Yvonne Magee, '40 Brookhaven, printer, Eva Dell Cunningham, '40 printer. Reading from left to right, second from end in choir: Charlotte Cloud, '41 Canton, new president.

"AND YET HAVE YE NOT RETURNED." (Amos 4)

"If my people which wear my name
Shall humble themselves and pray,
And turn again to seek my face--

Turn from their wicked way;
Then from heaven will I hear,
When they've obeyed command;
I'll turn again, forgive their sin,
And heal their barren land."

II Chron. 7:14.

He's suffered us to plunge in war,
Our young men have been slain;
We've come with spoils of victory
In hands of guilt and stain.

While some of us went over the top,
And never homeward turned;
Some came back with fuller pack--
"Yet have we not returned."

With harvest day three months away
We've had our floods and drouth,
That cut our fields to poorest yields
Full width from north to south.

Those warnings then are true today
As though the Father willed,
For every day, in modern way,
The scriptures are fulfilled.

In sun and rain we still complain
When harvest fields are white;
"But having eyes" we can't surmise
With DOLLAR MARKS in sight.

"Our fathers have eaten sour grapes
Our teeth are set on edge,"
And now we turn our children loose
In by-way, field, and hedge.

We let them taste of everything
Till they are pleasure mad,
Then with a sigh, "We wonder why

Our children are so bad!"
We rise up early in the morning,
We turn and scrape the earth
In search of facts to prove our acts,
Forgetting second birth.
"But if MY people which are called"
And call themselves today,
The Christian people of the world,
Will turn again and pray;
Again "from heaven I will hear,
Again I'll spare the rod;
And they shall be MY people again,
And I will be their God."

Jesse Penneworth,
West Point, Miss.

HONOR ROLL OF CHURCHES

Every church should send its pas-
tor the Southern Baptist Con-
vention at Baltimore.

Many churches do this. Most
others will when reminded of it.

A pastor who attends Conven-
tions is usually more interested in
the world-wide program of Baptist
than those who do not.

Money spent in sending pastors
to Conventions is well spent and will
be returned many times in the many
ways it helps the pastor.

For the next few weeks the Bap-
tist Record will run an honor roll
of churches that send their pastors
to the Baltimore Convention. We
have no way of knowing. So we are
requesting pastors and others to
notify us if their churches plan
to send them.

NEW B. T. U. DIRECTOR AT FIRST CHURCH MERIDIAN

The church at its regular election
of officers chose Mr. C. A. Shands
to serve as our B. T. U. Director
for the ensuing year, beginning
May 1. We appreciate the fine ser-
vice that Mrs. W. D. Cook has ren-
dered in this office. She declined re-
election.

We congratulate the church and
the B. T. U. organization on secur-
ing Mr. Shands for this important
place of leadership. He thoroughly
knows the work, is competent, and
we believe will render excellent ser-
vice. To do this he will need the
cooperation of the church. We plead
that you help him.

WITH JESUS

When I'm discouraged and blue,
When shadows my path bestrew;
When storms all my ways obscure,
With Jesus I am secure.

When rough is my road by day,
When evils beset my way;
When darkness and doubt assail,
With Jesus I can prevail.

Back of the cloud is sunshine,
Beside me is One divine;
Before me His sure highway,
With Jesus is joy for aye.

—Ernest O. Sellers,
Baptist Bible Institute,
New Orleans, La.

NEW Y. W. A. OFFICERS OF B. M. C.

In the annual spring election at
Blue Mountain College, Y. W. A.
council officers were chosen for next
year. They are as follows:

Lois Page, McComb, Miss., Presi-
dent.

Maudine Phillips, Philadelphia,
Miss., Vice-President.

Martha Hicks, Sledge, Miss., Sec-
retary.

Cynthia Jo Hall, Eclectic, Ala.,
Treasurer.

June Russell, Philadelphia, Miss.,
Chorister.

Kathleen Chrestman, Calhoun,
Miss., Pianist.

Katherine Measells, Amory, Miss.,
Personal Service Chairman.

Elizabeth Jacobs, Franklin, Ky.,
Window Chairman.

As a fitting close to Y. W. A.
activities for this year, an effective
mission play, "Two Masters" was
presented at the last General As-
sembly program. A large attendance
was on hand, and all agreed that it
was one of the most successful mis-
sion plays ever presented here. Miss
Imogene Crump of Sherman, Miss.,
Senior Expression major directed
the cast in a most professional man-
ner and deserves much credit for
the excellent production.

Marion Dempsey,
B. S. U. Reporter.

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I recently closed a splendid meet-
ing with the First Baptist Church,
Maryville, Tennessee. There were
130 additions, and a number of oth-
ers who confessed Christ. Most of
them will join the First Church. We
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great day. This church has purchas-
ed the land for a new educational
building. Brother P. B. Baldrige is
pastor and is doing a great work.
I. C. Petree, singer, and myself are
going back to Maryville for a re-
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—T. C. Crume, Florence, Ky.

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The Baptist Orphanage spent for
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A PICTURE OF JESUS—

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scribed by Simon Peter in his Epistle in our attitude toward our Saviour: "Whom, having not seen, ye love."

The Lord's Supper stands for Jesus in the flesh. It is, to the Christian, what the picture of the soldier lad was to his mother—the tangible reminder of Him, whom absent, we love. We are to regard it lovingly, to remind ourselves frequently of His death for our sins, through sacred observance.

II.

And, loving Him, we assuredly will want to regard the emblems of His death in the manner in which He asks us to do it. We shall want to be in His way of approach to His table; we shall not arbitrarily set aside His commandments of love, and commune with Him through these emblems in a way which He does not approve. If He asks for our hearts, we shall give them to Him. If He asks for our obedience, we shall strive in all things to be well pleasing unto Him.

I am glad that I am a baptized believer in Christ. I rejoice that I have been lowered beneath the baptismal wave, and have been raised from the baptismal waters by the hands of God's man, and that my baptism was authorized by a church of the New Testament type. I could not be content to approach the Lord's table in any other way than that, since my New Testament leads me to believe that Christ would have only baptized believers at His table. I could not be content with any substitute for New Testament baptism, such as sprinkling or pouring, since the New Testament is so clear in its teaching that Christian baptism requires a burial and resurrection, symbolic of an inner spiritual experience. My Lord has established the order of procedure for His people in the Great Commission as given us through Matthew, in which I am taught that I must first become His disciple; then I am to be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; afterwards I am to be taught to observe all things that He has commanded of His followers. And among His commands is one with regard to the Lord's Supper: "This do in remembrance of Me." I want to do it His way. I want no shadow of cloud on the face of my Saviour when I approach the sacred emblems, placed there by my refusal to submit to His baptismal way.

I shall want to examine my heart as I partake of the emblems which bear such a gracious symbolism. I shall search my heart for hidden faults, that I may confess them to Him and receive His forgiveness through the merits of the blood which I recall as I partake of the outpoured wine. I shall feel my unworthiness of so great a love, to be sure; but I shall not permit my sense of unworthiness to rob me of the grace which I shall find in a divinely given means of remembering Him. I shall remember that "within me, that is within my flesh, there dwelleth no good things"; and that it is "by grace, through faith," that I have been saved, and not because there is any sort of merit within myself. Christ shall be my righteousness; and in Him I shall find completion.

Nor shall I be content to look backward to His form on the Cross alone. I can never forget, to be sure, that "Christ died for my sins." But I shall also think of the empty tomb; of His appearance as Conqueror of death to those who loved Him within the distant past; of His ascension on high; of the promise that was spoken by angels on that glorious occasion that "this same Jesus shall so come again in like manner as ye have seen Him go away."

Yes, I shall rejoice in my contemplation of His imminent return. I shall remember that the Lord's Supper is a transitory thing, to be observed only "till He come." My Lord has departed into a far country. In those intangible realms where God has His throne, He lingers, awaiting the completion of the spiritual endeavors through which the time of His return to earth in glory shall be ushered in. Then He is coming again. Him whom I have loved through these years, relying on the Word of His testimony and the unquenchable spiritual

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conviction which I find within my own heart that these things are true, has promised to return to the earth so that every eye shall see Him. As His beloved, I am awaiting that day.

III.

I shall have no need for these emblems then! As the betrothed, whose lover is absent, looks with fondness upon his photographic likeness to keep his features fresh in her memory, even so do I regard the emblems of the death of my Lord. Behold, one day the step of the Beloved shall be at the door! How eagerly does the betrothed lay aside the visual likeness to behold, and to embrace, the real, flesh and blood, form of him to whom her heart has been given!

But while He tarries, I shall continue to feast my heart on the symbols of His presence. How often? Why, as often as heart feels the need! Together with my brethren of the church, His mystical body, to whom He has committed His picture, I shall look with love upon these tokens of Him whenever that picture is presented.

Love would not have it otherwise. For love has no mechanical prescriptions. The lover, upon going away, leaves his picture for the eyes of his beloved. He does not demand that she look upon it at started times and seasons. He believes that love will regard it as often as love feels the need.

So, until the beloved returns, or until I am transported into His presence beyond the grave, I shall continue to refresh my heart upon the symbols of His crucified form whenever love, acting through His church, presents opportunity.

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nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues of that world in which he labored." No dignity of the heavenly host will know such ecstasy, for this man has been redeemed and marched at the head of that company which has suffered and won in the name which is above every name.

We are asking that every church, together with their various organized departments make an offering on MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 12th or near this date and forward to us as soon as possible. Our goal is \$10,000. Surely we can reach this goal easily with more than 272,000 Baptists representing some 1,600 churches; 143,761 Sunday school enrollment, representing 3,171 Sunday schools; 43,411 members of our B. T. U. representing 2,244 Unions; 2,014 organizations of our W.M.U. work, a number of Brotherhood organizations led by the splendid group of 1,053 ordained ministers and other Christian leaders.

What more appropriate time could we select to make a special offering to dependent children than on Mother's Day? Let us all do our best to make this one offering and special effort unanimous in all of our churches with all departments having a part in it.

In the name of Him who loved little children and called them unto Him, we thank you and ask for your prayerful consideration and support.

Fraternally,

W. G. Mize, Superintendent

Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss.

Send your offering direct to Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss., or to Rev. D. A. McCall, Secretary Baptist State Mission Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., stating that the offering is for the Baptist Orphanage.

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To the members of Morton Baptist Church: The Morton Baptist Church by a unanimous vote Sunday, April 28, placed the Baptist Record in the budget. It is our desire that each church family receive the Record each week. Let us urge you to read it that you may be better informed about Baptist work in Mississippi and in the world. To know what the Lord is doing for and through other people is inspiring. It is our prayer that the Record might become a great blessing to you and your home as it has blessed thousands of other homes.—H. D. Jordan.

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